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Day in the life of a poll worker

Election Day staffers face new challenges, from pandemic safeguards to public perception

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

When Tom Gazella retired, he wanted to find a way to give back to his community.

Gazella tried his hand as an election worker for the first time in 2013, and has since returned to work the polls in every election, in St. Joseph's third precinct.

"It gives people an opportunity to be a part of the political process," he said. "I want to share in the privilege and responsibility of voting."

With the validity of the voting process being questioned by a litany of politicians, like President Donald Trump, election workers have a new challenge ahead of them.

"I get very protective of my fellow precinct workers when I hear the criticisms of the election and people telling stories that aren't true," Gazella said. "We follow the processes down to the T to ensure a proper election. We're highly trained to be able to deal with any contingencies that might occur. If we don't have an answer, we know people who have the answer."

A common misconception is that election workers only work one day.

But that day begins at 5:45 a.m. and continues, for some, until 10 p.m. or later.

"It's a long day and there's training, which means it's another day out of their schedule," said Lincoln Township Clerk Stacy Loar-Porter. "Workers get state and locally-mandated training. The county does some of the state training and we do our local training the week before, so it's fresh in everyone's minds."

The pay varies for these workers, depending on the municipality.

At Lincoln Township, election workers are paid hourly: $10 for a regular worker and $11 for chairpersons. Each precinct has two chairs in case a voter needs help.

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

Election worker Chriss Lyon is protected by a plastic barrier as she checks a voter's identification during primary voting at the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena in St. Joseph.

What residents need to know about absentee voting

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

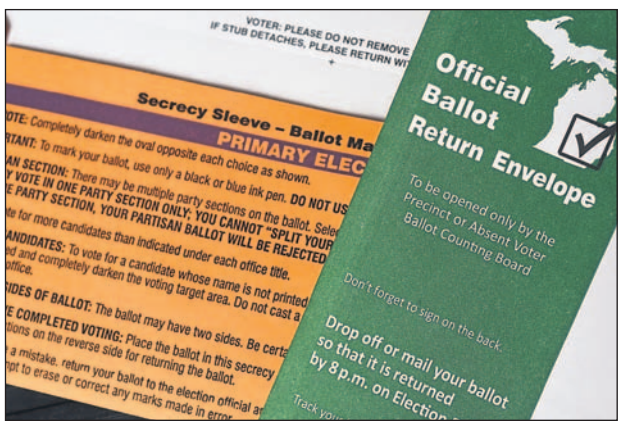
There are still some concerns among Southwest Michigan voters when it comes to absentee ballots.

According to the Secretary of State's office, more than 2 million Michigan voters have already submitted absentee ballot applications for the Nov. 3 election – the most requests for any election in state history.

Ongoing fears of the COVID-19 pandemic have driven the increase in absentee ballot requests. While President Donald Trump has continued to spread misinformation about the effectiveness of mail-in voting, several election experts have argued the process is safe and secure.

As a result, local clerks have received more than the usual amount of questions regarding absentee ballots.

In an effort to get answers, The Herald-Palladium reached out to several clerks about the most common quandaries. The HP spoke with Lincoln Township Clerk Stacy Loar-Porter and St. Joseph City Clerk Denise Westfall for answers.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Ongoing fears of the COVID-19 pandemic have driven the increase in absentee ballot requests for the upcoming Nov. 3 election. As a result, local clerks have been flooded with a bevy of questions.

Who do I contact to get an absentee ballot?

Voters can request an absentee ballot in a variety of ways.

For starters, registered voters can complete an online application at Michigan.gov/Vote or submit an application, large print application, letter or postcard to their local clerk. Requests for absentee ballots can be turned in by hand, by postal mail or through email – as long as a signature is visible.

"I recommend your local clerk's office," Westfall said. "You can go through the state, but it takes longer. They haven't sent out applications since August. But they've sent out a postcard this time reminding people they can vote absentee."

Is it safe to mail in my completed ballot?

The resounding answer is – it depends. It comes down to how close to the election a voter drops it into a mailbox.

Loar-Porter said the mail is reliable, but recommends mailing it in seven to 10 days prior to the election. Westfall said St. Joseph only received three ballots that missed the deadline for the August primary, because they weren't sent until Election Day.

"We are encouraging voters to return them via their local jurisdiction's drop box if they have one – I am pretty sure most in Berrien

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Judge: Michigan must count ballots that arrive after election

By DAVID EGGERT and ED WHITE
Associated Press

LANSING — A judge on Friday cleared the way for more absentee ballots to be counted in Michigan, saying envelopes postmarked by the eve of the Nov. 3 election are eligible, even if they show up days later.

The decision is significant in a state that is anticipating waves of absentee ballots this fall; about 2.3 million have already been requested. For absentee ballots to be counted, Michigan law requires them to be received by the time polls close on Election Day.

But Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens said there's a crucial need for flexibility in November, especially after more than 6,400 ballots were disqualified in the state's August primary election.

"The evidence in this case stands uncontroverted and establishes that the mail system is currently fraught with delays and uncertainty in light of the COVID-19 pandemic," Stephens said.

An absentee ballot can be counted if postmarked by Nov. 2 and received within 14 days after the election, said Stephens, who noted that it can take two weeks to certify Michigan election results anyway.

The judge's order could cause a delay in declaring winners in some races. President Donald Trump won Michigan by only 10,000 votes in 2016.

The state doesn't plan to appeal Stephens' decision or a ruling from a different judge about driving voters to polling places, said Ryan Jarvi, a spokesman for Attorney General Dana Nessel, a Democrat.

"With the November election quickly approaching, voters and local clerks need certainty – and these decisions provide that," Jarvi said.

The state's top election official, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, also a Democrat, had been urging the Republican-controlled Legislature

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg, liberal giant of the Supreme Court, dies

By DAVID G. SAVAGE
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who championed women's rights – first as a trailblazing civil rights attorney who methodically chipped away at discriminatory practices, then as the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court, and finally as an unlikely pop culture icon – has died at her home in the nation's capital.

Ginsburg, who had battled cancer for more than a decade, died Friday evening due to complications of the disease, the U.S. Supreme Court announced. She was 87.

Just days before her death, Ginsburg dictated a statement to her granddaughter expressing concern about what the immediate future held: "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed," NPR reported.

A feminist hero lovingly dubbed Notorious RBG, Ginsburg emerged over the last decade as the leading voice of the court's liberal wing, best known for her stinging dissents on a bench that has mostly skewed right since her 1993 appointment.

For her first two decades, Ginsburg was a respected but not highly influential member of the high court – a reliable liberal vote who was often overshadowed by Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female justice and the court's swing vote.

But after O'Connor and John Paul Stevens retired, Ginsburg became a major force on the court, her soft voice and diminutive stature belying a biting tongue and inexhaustible energy that pushed her to work through numerous health scares, including colon cancer, pancreatic cancer, lung cancer and a 2018 fall that left her with broken ribs.

She wrote several major decisions, including a 1996 ruling in U.S. v. Virginia that opened the doors of Virginia Military Institute to women and struck down discriminatory admissions policies of state-run schools. She supported abortion rights, gay rights, affirmative action and the strict separation of church and state.

But Ginsburg was best known for her impassioned dissents, which she often delivered in court while wearing a special dark, beaded "dissent collar" over her traditional black robe.

She called it "hubris" in 2013 when the court's five conservatives struck down a key part of the Voting Rights Act as outdated. Tossing out

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Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is seen in her chambers at the Supreme Court in Washington in 2014. The Supreme Court says Ginsburg has died of metastatic pancreatic cancer at age 87.

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CDC drops controversial testing advice

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials on Friday dropped a controversial piece of coronavirus guidance and said anyone who has been in close contact with an infected person should get tested.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention essentially returned to its previous testing guidance, getting rid of language posted last month that said people didn't need to get tested if they didn't feel sick. That change had set off a rash of criticism from health experts who couldn't fathom why the nation's top public health agency would say such a thing amid the pandemic.

It was "not consistent with the basic principles of controlling an epidemic,"said Dr. Silvia Chiang, a pediatric infectious diseases expert at Brown University who applauded the change announced Friday.

The CDC now says anyone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes should get a test. In a statement, the agency called the changes a "clarification" that was needed "due to the significance of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission."

Agency officials declined additional comment.

Health officials were evasive about why they had made the change in August, and some outside observers speculated it was forced on the CDC by political appointees within the Trump administration.

At the time, administration officials said the language originated at the CDC but the decision came out of meetings of the White House coronavirus task force. Dr. Brett Giroir, an assistant secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services, said many federal leaders outside the agency were involved in "lots of editing, lots of input." He said it was difficult to attribute the final language to any one source.

The New York Times, citing internal federal documents and unnamed sources, on Thursday reported that the guidance was placed on the CDC's website over the objections of agency scientists.

Public health experts have noted that testing the contacts of infected people is a core element of efforts to keep outbreaks in check, and that a large percentage of those infected with the coronavirus exhibit no COVID-19 symptoms.

The CDC's chief, Dr. Robert Redfield, issued a statement shortly after the controversy erupted that did little to clarify why the change was deemed necessary.

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Friday drawings

Michigan

Midday Daily 3
2-3-8
Midday Daily 4
4-9-5-0
Daily 3
9-5-6
Daily 4
3-5-5-6
Fantasy 5
15-17-22-27-38
Keno
05-09-11-15-16-18-22-26-28-31-34-36-40-43-49-52-54-58-60-75-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$20 million
Powerball jackpot
$20 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
11-15-26-41-45
Estimated jackpot
$174,500
Cash4Life
09-15-34-35-59, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
01-03-06-22-27-28-31-47-50-51-54-59-60-62-63-64-65-69-71-77, BE: 47
Daily Three-Midday
6-2-3, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
3-9-8, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
8-4-1-4, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
3-7-5-7, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
09-16-17-20-21-27-28-32-35-36-40-50-53-55-56-60-65-75-76-78, BE: 60

Illinois

Lotto
05-08-09-30-40-49, Extra Shot: 3
Estimated jackpot
$6.05 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-16-17-23-36
Estimated jackpot
$100,000
Pick Three-Midday
1-8-1, Fireball: 7
Pick Three-Evening
2-0-4, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
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Ginsburg death thrusts court to center of 2020 campaign; McConnell vows to fill seat

By MARK Z. BARABAK and JANET HOOK
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

The death of Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg turned a theoretical debate over the Supreme Court into a battle of the highest and most significant political order.

Coming just 45 days before the Nov. 3 presidential election, the passing of the 87-year-old jurist and mainstay of the court's liberal wing ensures the court and its sway over the daily lives of Americans will be a front-and-center issue like no other in modern times.

Shortly after her death was announced, Greg Schultz, a senior adviser to Democrat Joe Biden's campaign, tweeted, "THIS ELECTION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION EVER."

Hyperbole aside, few in the heat of the moment were inclined to disagree.

The battle lines were clear and immediate.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Republicans would press ahead with filling the vacancy.

"President Trump's nominee will receive a vote on the floor of the United States Senate," he said in a written statement.

Democrats, stunned and bereft and fearing a conservative majority cemented for generations to come, argued that Republicans who control the Senate must hold off approving a successor until voters have the chance the weigh in less than two months from now.

"The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice," said Democratic Senate Leader Chuck Schumer of New York. "Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president."

Democrats cited the precedent set by McConnell in 2016 after conservative Justice Antonin Scalia died suddenly in February of that election year. President Barack Obama nominated Merrick Garland, a well-regarded federal appeals court judge, but McConnell said voters should have a say in replacing Scalia and he declined to schedule a vote or even hold hearings on Garland's nomination.

President Donald Trump filled the vacancy with conservative appeals court judge Neil Gorsuch after being elected.

Despite that history, McConnell suggested there was no contradiction in now pressing ahead.

"In the last midterm election before Justice Scalia's death in 2016, Americans elected a Republican Senate majority because we pledged to check and balance the last days of a lame-duck president's second term," he said. "We kept our promise."

"By contrast, Americans reelected our majority in 2016 and expanded it in 2018 because we pledged to work with President Trump and support his agenda, particularly his outstanding appointments to the federal judiciary. Once again, we will keep our promise," McConnell said.

Ginsburg reportedly made her preference known in the days before her passing. As her strength waned, NPR reported, the justice dictated this statement to her granddaughter Clara Spera: "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."

At least one Republican seemed poised to break party ranks.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said last month it would be a "double standard" to fill a Supreme Court vacancy before 2021 and she "would not support it."

In addition to the presidential race, Ginsburg's death will also roil the fight for control of the Senate, putting fresh pressure on Republicans in tough reelection races like Sen. Susan Collins of Maine who have been wooing swing voters by emphasizing her independence from Trump.

GINSBURG

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the protection, she said, "is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet."

A year later, she slammed the same five for ruling that Hobby Lobby Corp. had a religious-freedom right not to pay for legally required contraceptives for their employees. Corporations do not have religious views, she said, and Congress "left healthcare decisions – including the choice among contraceptive methods – in the hands of women."

During oral arguments over a 2013 gay marriage case, Ginsburg said the government's Defense of Marriage Act effectively had set up an unfair, two-tier system. "There are two kinds of marriage: full marriage and the skim-milk marriage," she said. In that case, she was part of the majority that overturned the federal law.

Perhaps her most notable dissent came in 2007, when Ginsburg – then the only female justice – described herself as "all alone in (her) corner of the bench" following O'Connor's retirement.

A five-member majority had overturned a sex discrimination verdict in favor of Lilly Ledbetter, an Alabama woman who was paid far less than the men who held the same job at Goodyear Tire plants. The majority ruled that Ledbetter had waited too long to file her complaint, though that was because she had been unaware of the disparity.

Ginsburg, in dissent, said the majority "does not comprehend, or is indifferent to, the insidious way in which women can be victims of pay discrimination." Its interpretation of the law "ignored the realities" of the workplace and betrayed the "core purposes" of the Civil Rights Act, she said.

Ginsburg said Congress should act to correct the court's mistake, and two years later the House and Senate passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, providing more time to file claims. It was the first measure signed into law by President Barack Obama.

Well into her 80s, Ginsburg was surprised and delighted to discover she had become a celebrity, particularly among a new generation of women. Her appearances at universities and law schools drew large, adoring crowds, and her face adorned with a crown was featured on T-shirts and coffee mugs. She was the subject of several films, including "RBG," a documentary.

"It seemed that her dissents had really connected with a lot of people, especially millennials," said Betsy West, a co-director of the film. "It's this incongruousness of an 85-year-old Jewish grandmother who is speaking truth to power."

At times her frankness backfired. In a 2016 interview, Ginsburg called Donald Trump, then the Republican presidential nominee, a "faker," saying: "He has no consistency about him. He says whatever comes into his head at the moment. He really has an ego."

Such criticism of a political candidate was highly unusual for a sitting Supreme Court justice, and Ginsburg apologized.

There was also friction between Ginsburg and some liberals in 2014, when pressure grew for her to retire while Democrats still held the Senate and the White House, which could guarantee that her seat would be filled by another liberal. Ginsburg brushed aside such concerns and let it be known she was not going anywhere, saying she still had a lot to contribute to the court.

In 2014, Republicans claimed the Senate majority, and two years after that, the White House was won by Trump, who had promised to appoint only conservative, anti-abortion justices.

Ginsburg was the first Democratic nominee to the high court in a quarter-century when she was chosen in 1993 by President Bill Clinton.

Ironically, she was not immediately embraced by liberals and women's rights activists. Some feared she was too moderate, and others were concerned by Ginsburg's past criticism of the landmark abortion ruling Roe v. Wade. But Ginsburg's objections were not about the outcome of the ruling. Rather, she believed the court's opinion should have been based on more solid legal footing, namely a woman's right to equal treatment under the 14th Amendment rather than a court-created "right to privacy."

In her interview for the appointment, Ginsburg impressed Clinton, who hailed her as the Thurgood Marshall of the women's rights movement.

Where Marshall, the nation's first African American justice, led the legal fight against racial discrimination in the 1940s and '50s, Ginsburg led the legal fight against sex discrimination in the 1970s.

"She helped us read our Constitution to understand that it protects us all," said Yale Law professor Judith Resnik. "She brought vision, skill, intellect and kindness to the law."

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SJ Public Safety Department seeks accreditation

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Department of Public Safety is working to become an accredited department and, as part of that process must comply with 105 standards that are recognized by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker said accreditation acknowledges the implementation of written directives, policies and procedures that are sound and effective, and represents a significant professional achievement.

"Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs," Neubecker said.

But the process is not easy.

The St. Joseph Department of Public Safety will join more than 8,100 agencies in 35 states that are using Lexipol to help develop, review and update policies and procedures.

The St. Joseph City Commission this week approved the purchase of Lexipol's policy subscription and 12-month subscriptions for police and fire services. The initial one-time cost is $45,547 for police and fire service policies, and the cost for annual subscriptions for both police and fire services is $16,536. The cost will be paid from the general fund public safety and fire budgets.

Lexipol is a private company based in California that provides policy manuals, training bulletins and consulting services to police, fire and public safety departments.

"Lexipol will assist us in developing comprehensive, continuously updated policies and online training, and will allow us to keep up with legislative changes, training mandates, maintaining community relations, and ensuring officer and citizen safety," Neubecker said.

In a presentation to the city commission, Deputy Public Safety Director Jeremy Connell said three police agencies in Berrien County have already adopted Lexipol policies and are pleased with the services, and other departments are considering it.

Connell said reviewing or updating departmental policies, rules and regulations is one of the major steps in the accreditation process, and accreditation provides the following:

■ Recognition that the agency's administrative and operational policies and procedures are in accord with a body of professional standards.

■ Assurance for the community that its law enforcement agency is committed to providing the highest quality of service and that its policies and procedures are effective, responsive, fair and equitable.

■ Assurance that staff is trained and functions according to policies and procedures.

Connell said that while policies can be reviewed locally to determine whether they meet accreditation standards, there are more than 200 departmental policies that would have to be individually reviewed, then re-reviewed as changes in standards occur in the future. The alternative is to use an outside source such as Lexipol, he said.

Neubecker and Connell said Lexipol policies are accepted as meeting accreditation standards and are constantly reviewed and updated as state and federal standards change.

"In addition, Lexipol provides daily training materials to ensure and document that officers are properly informed of existing policies and changes," Connell said.

In an outline of services, Lexipol said its policies, researched and written by public safety attorneys and subject matter experts, are based on state and federal laws and nationwide best-practices, yet are customized to reflect each agency's structure. Each agency can accept, reject or further customize policy updates.

The company notes that "even the best policy manual lacks effectiveness if it's not backed by training," and provides daily two-minute, scenario-based online training exercises for officers.

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END OF THE SEASON

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A sailboat heads into Lake Michigan as families enjoy a final swim this season this week along Silver Beach in St. Joseph.

Four Winds to bring in Kankakee Grille

New Buffalo casino's Hard Rock Cafe to close Oct. 31

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

NEW BUFFALO — Four Winds Casinos is replacing the Hard Rock Cafe with its Kankakee Grille restaurant at the New Buffalo location.

The Hard Rock Cafe will close on Oct. 31. Following renovations, Kankakee Grille will open to the public in late 2020.

Four Winds Casinos already has a Kankakee Grille at its South Bend location. According to Four Winds, the incoming restaurant offers a diverse menu of food with a modern twist that has become a favorite choice among guests in Indiana.

Kankakee Grille will also offer a variety of live music and entertainment, and feature outdoor seating with access to the Four Winds New Buffalo pool bar.

"We would like to thank Hard Rock International for a very positive working relationship over the last nine years," Frank Freedman, chief operating officer of Four Winds Casinos, said in a news release. "With the success of Kankakee Grille at Four Winds South Bend, and the great live music acts booked by our entertainment team, we felt it was a natural progression to bring our own restaurant concept to New Buffalo. We are excited to introduce this unique dining and entertainment experience to guests that visit our flagship resort."

Matthew Wesaw, tribal council chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority, said they plan to announce more details about the new restaurant at Four Winds Casino New Buffalo when the opening date gets closer.

"The Pokagon Gaming Authority and our casino operations team are very proud of the success of the Four Winds Casinos brand we've worked so hard to build over the last 13 years," he said in the release. "We feel the addition of Kankakee Grille will provide us with the added flexibility to make changes and further enhance the unique dining and entertainment experiences that have made Four Winds New Buffalo one of the top casino resorts in the country."

Kankakee Grille gets its name from the Kankakee River, which begins in South Bend and flows toward Illinois. The Potawatomi people used the Kankakee River's environment for food, shelter, medicine and clothing.

The name Kankakee Grille honors the Kankakee River and the ancestors of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

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LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

Senate Bill 757, Permit early counting of absentee ballots: Passed 34 to 2 in the Senate

To allow election clerks in larger communities (above 25,000) to begin opening and processing absentee ballots the day before an election under rules prescribed by the bill.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Township ..... Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton .....Y

House Bill 5248, Require more public info on child abuse and neglect investigations: Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

To require a state children's ombudsman's office to release redacted reports of investigations into alleged child abuse or neglect. This office is tasked with monitoring agencies that serve children including private child placement and child care institutions along with foster care and adoptive homes; and also with improving the care of children subject to the authority of any of these entities.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Township ..... Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton .....Y

House Bill 5494, Require better state information technology contracting: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To require the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget to develop processes and procedures for tracking state information technology vendor contracts that exceed $250,000. This includes identifying cost overruns and change orders, accounting for projects that exceed one fiscal year, communicating processes and defined roles to involved parties, tracking spending, keeping the legislature informed and more. There have a number of major state information technology contract debacles over the past 30 years. The Senate also passed House Bill 5495, to require the state auditor general to validate state departments' compliance in these matters.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Township .....Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton .....Y

House Bill 5053, Authorize 'claw-backs' from state vendors: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To authorize repayment from state vendors who breach their contract with the state, and require agencies to use this method to enforce contracts.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Township .....Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton .....Y

House Bill 4954, Define valid vs. invalid grounds for protesting losing state contracts: Passed 109 to 0 in the House

To modify the unsuccessful bidder protest policies and procedures in the state law that prescribes practices for government contracting. The bill specifies which actions do or do not constitute a valid reason for a protest, but would also permit officials to deny a contract protest for reasons of "policy" that are not specified in law.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller, R – Sturgis .....Y
66 Rep. Beth Griffin, R – Mattawan ...Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette, R – Niles .....Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel, R – Bainbridge Township .....Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford, R – Casco Township .....Y

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Berrien's COVID-19 numbers remain steady

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The number of new COVID-19 cases in Berrien County held steady again this week for the fifth week in a row.

In addition, the number of hospital admissions for COVID-19 dropped at the end of the week.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating two COVID-19 patients Friday morning, the same as on Thursday.

Last Friday the hospital system was treating nine COVID-19 patients.

This drop is promising, as the average number of COVID-19 patients each day hasn't been below four since July. In addition, health officials have said hospital admissions give a good picture of how the virus is affecting the community, and that it might be presenting more as asymptomatic, or in younger people.

Berrien County added 55 new COVID-19 cases this week and 66 recoveries. The previous week the county gained 63 new cases and 48 recoveries.

Berrien County's percent positivity rate was 2.7 percent Monday, a slight rise over the 2.4 percent the county had the previous week. That's with about 598 tests being administered daily.

No COVID-19 deaths were reported this week. The previous week the county recorded one death and the week before the county had zero deaths.

With deaths and recoveries, Berrien County is at about 82 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 93 last Friday and up from 79 the Friday before that.

In total, the county has now had 1,592 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 1,439 recoveries, 71 deaths and 253 probable cases. That's the same number of probable cases as last Friday.

Van Buren/Cass

New COVID-19 cases in Van Buren County stayed steady this week, while new cases climbed in Cass County.

Cass County's percent positivity rate rose this week to 6 percent, with about 115 tests being administered daily. Last week the county was at about 2.9 percent.

Cass County added 50 new COVID-19 cases this week. The previous week the county had added 25. In total, the county has recorded 470 COVID-19 cases.

No new deaths were recorded this week, keeping the county's death toll at 16.

Cass County now has 344 recoveries, an addition of 28 recoveries since last Friday. The previous week the county added 56 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 110 active cases. That's up from 88 last Friday.

Van Buren County's percent positivity rate dropped this week to 2.5 percent, with about 251 tests being administered daily. Last week the county was at about 4.1 percent.

Van Buren added 30 new COVID-19 cases this week. The previous week the county had added 32. In total, the county has recorded 646 COVID-19 cases.

One COVID-19 death was recorded this week in Van Buren County, bringing the county's death toll to 15.

Van Buren County now has 491 recoveries, an addition of 65 recoveries since last Friday. The previous week the county added 69 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 140 active cases. That's down from 176 last Friday.

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IN BRIEF

SJ to host parks plan virtual meeting

ST. JOSEPH — The City of St. Joseph Parks & Recreation Department will host an online open house from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, to discuss the five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The community is invited to share ideas and suggestions regarding current parks, facilities and recreation programs.

Greg Grothous, deputy director of public works, said the public's input will be used to help prioritize improvements to be included in the Parks & Recreation Plan update. A link to an online survey will be shared during the meeting and will remain available through October.

To attend the Oct. 1 online open house, visit Zoom.com and use meeting ID 913 6809 0627, with Passcode: Parks.

Visit www.sjcity.com for updates on future meetings related to the five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.

Free virtual cancer symposium open to providers, public

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland and the Marie Yeager Cancer Center are inviting area providers and the community to gather next week to discuss advancements in cancer diagnosis, treatment, and innovation at the Spectrum Health Cancer Center 2020 Oncology Symposium, according to a news release.

This year's event will take place virtually from noon until 2 p.m. daily, Sept. 21-25.

Continuing medical education credits are available for health care providers.

For a complete schedule, or to register, visit www.spectrumhealth.org/oncology symposium.

OBITUARIES

Emily Kantor Radostis

Nov. 29, 1923 – Aug. 9, 2020

Emily Kantor Radostis of Lafayette, Colo., formerly of Berrien Springs, passed away peacefully Aug. 9, 2020, from complications of a stroke.

Born Nov. 29, 1923, in Navsi, Czechoslovakia, now Czech Republic, to John and Susan (Sikora) Kantor. To this union were born 10 children; two boys died in infancy.

In 1937, when Emily was 13 years old, the family emigrated to Manitoba, Canada. Four years later they moved to Ontario. It was there that she met Jerry Radostis who was visiting his uncle's farm from Chicago. Emily happened to be working in the field with her sisters and their love story began. After Jerry served three years in the army during World War II in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, they married Nov. 11, 1945. Their children: Ruth and Daniel, were born in Wisconsin. The family moved to Berrien Springs in 1953 when Jerry began attending Emanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University.

Emily was on staff at Andrews for 20 years and taught kindergarten Sabbath School at Pioneer Memorial Church for 20 years. Both Ruthi and Dann attended Andrews Academy and Andrews University. The family loved traveling and they traveled extensively across North America and Europe with Emily's siblings. Emily moved to Lafayette in 2012 to be closer to her children and their families, especially those four adoring grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Jerry (2002) and her daughter, Ruthi Sundin (2018).

She is survived by her sister, Eva Fowler; son, Dann (Jolene); son-in-law, David Sundin; her grandchildren: Rachel Sundin, Justin Sundin (Tami), Lelah Radostis, and Brian Radostis; and many nieces and nephews, all who will miss her deeply.

Emily loved the Pioneer Memorial Church, her church family, and her many friends in Berrien Springs. Inurnment will be held later at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memories can be shared online by going to www.dignitymemorial.com and searching Emily Kantor Radostis.

Fred M. Duryee

Oct. 3, 1933 – Sept. 14, 2020

Fred M. Duryee, 86, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Court and Market Streets, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Michael Roth officiating. Private burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs. Memorial donations in Fred's name may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Fred's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Fred was born Oct. 3, 1933, in Alma, Mich., to Dexter and Queenie (Cartwright) Duryee. He graduated from Unionville High School, class of 1951. Fred entered the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean War.

On Nov. 21, 1964, he married Leah Earley Rievert in Sebewaing, Mich. After moving to Texas, Fred assisted Leah in operating Duryee's Bookkeeping & Tax Service in Duncanville & Whitney, Texas for 20 years. Fred and Leah moved to St. Joseph in 2017 to be close to their son Jim.

Fred was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. In his free time, Fred enjoyed golfing, fishing, and in his younger years, playing softball and basketball. He was a sports enthusiast and rooted for the University of Michigan Wolverines and the Dallas Cowboys. Fred never met a stranger and welcomed everyone as a friend.

Fred is survived by his wife, Leah; his son, James Duryee of St. Joseph; two granddaughters: Melissa Ann Duryee of Berrien Springs, Emily Jane (Darin) Koenemann of Ft. Wayne; his great-granddaughter, Abigail Koenemann; his sister, Darlene (Elmer) Scharich of Unionville, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fred was preceded in death by his daughter, Rebecca Rievert Duryee in 2017; his daughter-in-law, Cathy Duryee in 2013; his twin brother, Richard Duryee, and his sister, Sherril Schreyer.

Death notices

Florence "Bunnie" Bock, 87, of Coloma died Sept. 17, 2020. Duffield and Pastrick Family Funeral Home, Coloma, 468-6000.

Lillian Ann (Trapagen) Chastain, 84, of Niles died Sept. 17, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Ronald Lee Cooper Jr., 30, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 12, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Fred Duryee, 86, of St. Joseph died Sept. 14, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Wilma Huffines, 93, of Dowagiac died Sept. 18, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Joshua M. Kline, 41, of St. Joseph died Sept. 15, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sherree Neumann, of Muskegon died Sept. 14, 2020. Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, Norton Shores, Mich.,231-798-1100.

Albert Pierce Sr., 96, of Hartford died Sept. 17, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Emily Kantor Radostis, of Lafayette, Colo., formerly of Berrien Springs died Aug. 9, 2020. Christ Mortuary, Boulder, Colo.

Sharon Tomsheck, 83, of Stevensville died Sept. 11, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Laura Williams, 70, died Feb. 21, 2020.

Laura Ann Williams

Sept. 28, 1949 – Feb. 21, 2020

Laura Ann Williams, 70, went to be with her Lord on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret Williams.

She will be lovingly missed by her siblings: Stephen (Suzanne) Williams and Robert (Laura) Williams; nieces and nephews: Eric, Katie, Bobby, Barbara and David; step-niece, Jenny; sister-in-law and best friend, Beth Eckhardt; and many friends.

She was a special aunt who was adored by her nieces and nephews. Laura loved children, which drew her to a career as a special education teacher for River Valley School District in Three Oaks.

She was a skillful quilter. Her quilts were gifts of love, comfort and beauty to all of those who received them. Laura was a long-time member of Bridgman Quilting Bees who made quilts for Quilts of Valor Foundation. She was also active in Country Quilters, a member of the Applique Society and was a "Friend of the Library" at Bridgman Library for many years. Laura was a person for whom you would not forget. She will be missed by family and friends.

A celebration of Laura's life will be from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Bridgman Public Library Community Room. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

In honor of Laura and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Bridgman Public Library. Donations may also be made, at the time of Laura's celebration of life ceremony, to her local quilting guild to make quilts for the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookcares.com.

Florence 'Bunnie' Bock

Dec. 30, 1932 – Sept. 17, 2020

Florence "Bunnie" Bock, 87 of Coloma passed away Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020, at her residence surrounded by her family.

Services with Order of the Eastern Star participating will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma where the family will receive friends from 11-1 p.m. Burial will follow in Hill Cemetery in Lawrence.

Donations in memory of Bunnie may be made to the Coloma United Methodist Church, of which she was a member or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Bunnie was born Dec. 30, 1932, in Coloma to Norman and Milla (Scott) Bachman Sr. She was a Girl Scout leader and den mother in Watervliet for over 10 years, Past Matron of Watervliet Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 232, a life member of the Coloma Order of the Eastern Star, American Chapter 307, and a member of the Coloma FOP, Lodge 147. Bunnie retired in 1995 from J.C. Penney's after 18 years of service and was formerly employed part-time at Florin Funeral Service.

Bunnie is survived by her children: David (Belinda Farnworth) Bock of Sears, Mich., Carole (Wayne) Boughan of Chase, Mich., Lorrie (Brad) Reed of Kentwood, Mich., Deborah (Bruce) Becker of Coloma and Alan (Samantha) Bock of St. Joseph; sister-in-law, Carlene Freier of Benton Harbor; five grandchildren: Michelle (Shaun) Harner, Joseph (Jennie) Reed, Dustin (Ashley) Bock, Jessica (Matt) Ensing and Christian (Nikita) Clune; great-grandchildren; Jeremy (Heaven Dokey) Becker, Ryan Becker, Ryan (Cody Draper) Hinegardner, McKayla Bock, Alexis Bock, Lucas Harner, Ella Harner, Lauren Ensing, Oliver Reed, Levi Ensing, Elsie Clune and Eli Reed; along with several special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, in 2010, and her brothers Harry, Leo, John, Roy, Norman and Paul.

Joshua M. Kline

Nov. 18, 1978 – Sept. 15, 2020

Joshua M. Kline, 41, of St. Joseph passed away Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. James Matthews officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lakeshore Christian Church or Tunnel to Towers. Those wishing to sign Josh's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Josh was born Nov. 18, 1978, in Danville, Pa., to Loren "Monty" and Nancy Kline. He went to St. Joseph High School and was part of the class of 1998. Josh worked with his father since high school in the family business, Monty Kline Design. After his father's retirement, Josh took over the business, now known as JMKline Design.

On July 27, 2013, he married Joni Weaver in Benton Harbor and in 2017 they welcomed their son Axel, who Josh always said was the greatest joy of his life. Josh was dedicated to his work and family and was a very loving husband and father. He was very talented in design and remodeling.

Josh had a kind heart and never backed down from what he believed in. He loved music, especially the blues, and enjoyed playing guitar. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Josh is survived by his wife, Joni; his son, Axel; his parents: Monty and Nancy Kline of St. Augustine, Fla./ Stevensville; his sister, Monica and brother-in-law, Chris Gathright of Stevensville; his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Arnie and Margy Weaver of St. Joseph; nieces and nephews Logan, Emma, Olivia, and Amelia Gathright; his paternal grandmother, Martha Kline of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and his cat, Mack.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Patricia Weaver in 2011.

Sharon Tomsheck

March 26, 1937 – Sept. 11, 2020

Sharon Tomsheck, 83, of Stevensville passed away Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Sharon was born March 26, 1937, in Benton Harbor, to William and Florence (Garland) Fitzcharles. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1955 and then earned a business degree from Benton Harbor Community College.

On June 28, 1958, she married Thomas Tomsheck in Benton Harbor. Sharon worked for Dynac Corporation before working at Meijer's in Benton Harbor for over 22 years. She was a member of the Benton Harbor Moose Lodge. In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting, reading, watching movies and her TV programs.

Sharon is survived by her sons: William (Pam) Tomsheck and Tommy (Becki) Tomsheck; grandchildren: Josh (Shelly) Tomsheck, Hope Tomsheck and Piper Tomsheck; great-granddaughter, Ally Tomsheck; sisters: Elnora (Lindon) Holmes and Barbara Wagner, and loving nieces and nephews.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sister, Nancy Peterson.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Tomsheck family in c/o Tommy Tomsheck. Those wishing to share a memory of Sharon online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sherree Neumann

July 1, 1959 – Sept. 14, 2020

Sherree Neumann of Muskegon, mother, daughter, sister, wife and, quite simply, a truly beautiful soul – passed away Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, from complications regarding a heart episode.

Sherree was born to parents Kenneth and Doris Schultz on July 1, 1959, in St. Joseph.

She was a graduate of St. Joseph High School where she developed her incredible eye for art and creation as well as her love for the Lake (Michigan).

On March 31, 1984, she married David Neumann of St. Joseph and became the true love of his life for the next 36 years.

Throughout her life, Sherree was numerous things: Earth mother, plant enthusiast, day care provider, handy woman, set designer were just a few of her myriad talents. She was also an avid hiker – where her love of waterfalls was unparalleled. And, maybe above all else, Sherree was a real "helper" – anytime, any place, any circumstance – and a true friend to so many she encountered.

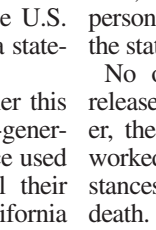
Sherree is survived by her husband, David; her four children: Andrew (Ashley), Michael, Steven and Jessica; her mother, Doris Schultz; her sister, Michele Prachar; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth.

Plans for a memorial service for Sherree are pending. In lieu of flowers, please consider any memorial or contribution to our U.S. National Park System or the Michigan State Parks. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

Ronald Lee Cooper Jr

Aug. 15, 1990 – Sept. 12, 2020



Ronald was a lifetime area resident and was born Aug. 15, 1990.

He was a loving father and fiancé who enjoyed writing, building, and playing pool.

Ronald's life revolved around his family which includes his fiancée, Crystal Sizemore; seven children: Tayden Cooper, Patrick Cooper, Roselyn Cooper, Tamya Cooper, Andrew Walker, Gabriel Walker, and Franklin Costner; two sisters: Grace Cooper and Crystal Cooper; an uncle, Bradley Cooper; and several nieces and nephews.

Ronald died suddenly Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020.

His dad, Ronald Lee Cooper, precedes him in death.

Friends may visit with Ronald's family from noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Visitation will be followed by a graveside service at Millburg Cemetery at 2 p.m.

You are invited to leave a message of comfort or a donation to help with funeral expenses at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Getting it straight

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Firefighter dies battling wildfire sparked by gender reveal

By JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A firefighter died battling a wildfire in California that officials said was sparked by a device used to reveal a baby's gender.

The death happened Thursday in the San Bernardino National Forest as crews battled the El Dorado Fire, the U.S. Forest Service said in a statement.

The fire erupted earlier this month from a smoke-generating pyrotechnic device used by a couple to reveal their baby's gender, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire, said.

The name of the firefighter was being withheld until family members are notified. The cause of the death was under investigation.

"Our deepest sympathies are with the family, friends and fellow firefighters during this time," Forest Service spokesperson Zach Behrens said in the statement.

No other information was released about the firefighter, the agency the firefighter worked for or the circumstances of the firefighter's death. Behrens said in a telephone interview he could not comment beyond details in the statement

A Cal Fire statement said it was the 26th death involving wildfires besieging the state.

Cal Fire said earlier this month that the fire was ignited Sept. 5 when a couple, their young children and someone there to record video staged the baby gender reveal at El Dorado Ranch Park at the foot of the San Bernardino Mountains.

The device was set off in a field and quickly ignited dry grass. The couple frantically tried to use bottled water to extinguish the flames and called 911.

Authorities have not released the identities of the couple, who could face criminal charges and be held liable for the cost of fighting the fire.

Shortly after the fire began, San Bernardino County District Attorney Jason Anderson issued a statement saying he was aware of the community's concerns about how the fire started.

"If investigative reports are filed with our office, we will review all facts, evidence, statements, and reports to determine what criminal charges, if any, need to be filed," Anderson said.

In 2017, a massive Arizona wildfire was accidentally started by an off-duty Border Patrol agent who shot a target filled with an explosive blue powder at a gender reveal. The fire burned 73 square miles and caused $8 million in damage.

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ACCIDENT ON I-196

Photo provided / South Haven Area Emergency Services

A crash involving two semi-trucks occurred on northbound I-196 Friday evening, injuring two people, according to a news release from South Haven Area Emergency Services. Emergency crews were called around 5:15 p.m. to the scene between exits 22 and 26, in Casco Township. The crash occurred when a semi with an attached trailer was parked along the shoulder, due to a tire being repaired. It was hit by another semi that did not have a trailer attached. The impact "caused the tractor to disintegrate," according to police. The driver of the moving vehicle was taken to Holland Hospital with multiple injuries. A man from a tire repair company working on the parked vehicle was taken to Bronson-South Haven Hospital for treatment. Northbound I-196 was closed at the Phoenix Road exit (20) as police investigated the crash.

Fall weather, aerial treatment could fight mosquito disease

LANSING (AP) — Cooler temperatures expected this weekend should help control the spread of a mosquito-borne virus that has infected one person and 22 horses in 10 counties, Michigan authorities said Friday.

Horses can be vaccinated for the disease, known as eastern equine encephalitis, but there is no equivalent for humans. The state announced the suspected human case in a resident of western Barry County on Tuesday.

Authorities said reducing exposure to mosquitoes is the best way of preventing human infection, including insect repellent, wearing long sleeves or pants outdoors and using screens on doors and windows to keep mosquitoes out.

Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services also has used aerial spray treatment across more than 226,000 acres to help prevent spread of the disease, including 69,000 acres treated on Thursday.

The department said nighttime temperatures below 50 degrees this weekend should keep mosquitoes that carry the disease inactive. But they said residents should continue taking precautions until there is a hard freeze.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 38 human cases and 19 deaths from the virus last year and authorities in several Northeastern states warned residents this summer that the disease had been detected in mosquitoes.

AP-NORC poll: Majority say they plan to vote before Election Day

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI and HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

DENVER — A majority of President Donald Trump's supporters plan to cast their ballot on Election Day, while about half of Joe Biden's backers plan to vote by mail, a sign of a growing partisan divide over how best to conduct elections in the United States.

Overall, 39 percent of registered voters say they will vote by mail, well above the 21 percent who say they normally do so, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The rise is skewed toward backers of the former vice president, 53 percent of whom plan to vote by mail. Fifty-seven percent of Trump's supporters say they'll vote in person on Nov. 3.

Fifty-four percent of voters say they will vote before polls open on Election Day. In 2016, roughly 42 percent of voters did so.

Trump for months has denigrated mail voting, and Democrats have expressed concern about postal delays that could keep such ballots from being counted. The poll finds ebbing enthusiasm for mail voting: Only 28 percent of Americans say they would favor their state holding elections exclusively by mail, down from the 40 percent who said so in April as the coronavirus pandemic was first spreading in the U.S. and before Trump launched his anti-mail campaign.

Support for states allowing voters to cast an absentee ballot without requiring a reason is higher, but also down since April, from 56 percent to 47 percent.

Traditionally, voting by mail has not been a partisan issue. Until recently, Republicans were more likely to do so than Democrats, because older voters have tended to vote by mail more often than younger voters.

ELECTION

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St. Joseph election workers get anywhere from $125 to $150 a day. They are also offered $30 for training, plus three meals on Election Day.

Help wanted

The upcoming Nov. 3 election has already proven to be more cumbersome than usual, due to a surge in absentee ballots, plus finding ways to keep in-person voting safe during a global pandemic.

However, the recurring focus on attracting election workers hasn't been as much of a burden for several Southwest Michigan municipalities.

Two weeks ago, Lincoln Township was in great need of poll workers. However, Loar-Porter said that changed recently as nearly two dozen applications hit their office. Now they have almost 80 workers who will be divided between six precincts and the absentee voter counting board.

"We needed more than we normally do," Loar-Porter said. "We normally need 70 in an election. But we need extra people for cleaning duties and for the bigger November election. We try to be as even as possible between the political parties when it comes to our election workers, and we were getting worried."

St. Joseph Clerk Denise Westfall said they received more applications this year than they have spots for.

"Normally we have a good crew that comes back for each election," she said. "Sometimes we would put something up on our website stating we needed more people, or when we were open to the public, we would put the applications on the counter.

"Now I've got them coming out of the woodwork."

Westfall said they have 42 election workers prepped for Nov. 3. Broken down, that's eight workers between three precincts, plus another six per precinct for the AV counting board.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Tom Gazella has been working as an election worker since 2013. This year, he finds himself in the middle of a highly anticipated presidential election, to be conducted during a global pandemic.

Loar-Porter said they use social media for recruitment. They also use brochures at the township hall.

"A few years ago, the Berrien County Clerks Association went around to LMC and SMC and held a class with prizes and stuff to talk about what it was like to be an election worker," she said. "Sometimes I'll reach out to high schools because you have to be at least 16 to work."

Once applicants are accepted, they can work as an election worker anywhere in the state. Westfall said she's previously shared workers with Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Township.

"I think people are a little nervous about Election Day this year," she said. "There are so many variables this year."

Looking ahead

Gazella said the August primary served as good practice for the general election. Although it didn't come without its challenges.

"We had several regulars who declined to come back because of their age or health concerns," he said.

While most residents are preparing for work or eating breakfast, election workers on Election Day will be testing voting tabulators to ensure they're working properly, and wiping down commonly used surfaces.

Once the polls open, they wait for people to arrive and help however they can.

After the polls close, it takes up to an hour to secure the ballots and have them transported to, in St. Joseph's case, the city clerk's office. After they're processed, the ballots are then sent to the county – signaling the end of the day for most of the workers.

Gazella said his least favorite part of the job is dealing with voters who don't want to follow the rules.

"Every year we have someone who doesn't want to show their voter ID," he said. "We have to explain to them that it's a state requirement. Right now, ensuring the health and safety of other voters can be difficult when people choose to not wear a mask."

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BALLOTS

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County do – or return (it) in person," Loar-Porter said.

Can I hand in the ballot in person?

Yes, voters can drop them off in person. They can even drop off their ballots in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Can a friend or family member turn in the ballot for me?

They are allowed to return a voted ballot on someone else's behalf. However, clerks are not allowed to give an "unvoted ballot" to anyone other than the voter. So, a family member or friend cannot pick up a ballot for anyone else.

Can I change my mind and vote in person if I've received an absentee ballot?

Yes. However, municipalities request that if voters have already been issued a ballot, that they surrender that ballot to the local clerk.

If a voter has not received the ballot, but has completed the application requesting one and then decided they would prefer to vote in person, then it is recommended they contact their local clerk.

After I send in my ballot, if I change my mind about one of my votes, can I cancel the ballot and vote again?

If a voter has already voted absentee and wishes to change their vote, a voter can spoil their ballot by submitting a written request to their city or township clerk. Westfall said they had several voters spoil absentee ballots in the presidential primary in March because their preferred candidate had dropped out of the race.

The voter must sign the request and state if they would like a new absentee ballot mailed to them, or if they will vote at the polls.

Loar-Porter said an absentee ballot can be spoiled through the mail up until 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election. That falls on Oct. 31 for the upcoming election.

If that deadline is missed, an absentee ballot can be spoiled in person at the clerk's office up until 4 p.m. the Monday prior to the election. That falls on Nov. 2 for the upcoming election.

When is my ballot counted?

On Election Day. Election workers can begin processing absentee ballots at 7 a.m. on the day of the election, though pending legislation could alter than a bit in larger communities. It's not expected to affect local communities.

If I vote in person, will there be safeguards to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

All precincts will have the proper safeguards in place to protect voters and election workers based on state mandates. For those voting at any St. Joseph precincts, Westfall said they will limit the number of people inside and block off a percentage of the voting booths for social distancing.

"We have hand sanitizer for voters and have extra masks on hand in case they forget one," Westfall said. "All of our workers wear masks and are behind the sneeze guards. And we give them their own pen so they don't have to share them. We also sanitize the booth when they're done."

What happens if I turn in an absentee ballot, but also try to vote in person on Election Day?

Since municipalities are not allowed to issue more than one ballot, a voter will be denied the opportunity to vote twice. Absentee ballot and in-person voting is tracked through a municipal system.

"If you voted by absentee and you attempt to vote in person, when the election workers enter the voter's name in the system to look them up, the system will alert the election worker that the voter has already voted by absentee," Loar-Porter said. "The election worker will contact the local clerk to verify that the voter's absentee ballot was indeed received by the clerk's office. If the ballot was received by the local clerk, the voter will not be allowed to vote in person."

I signed up to be on the permanent absent voter listing, why do I need to fill out another application?

When a voter fills out their first absentee voter application, they are asked if they want to vote absentee in all future elections. In checking that box, Westfall said they are automatically sent an application for every election.

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to allow the counting of absentee ballots that arrive two days after the election.

She didn't criticize the court ruling, though she was a defendant in the lawsuit. Benson's advice to voters now: Don't hold an absentee ballot until the last minute.

"No eligible voter should be disenfranchised through no fault of their own for exercising their right to vote by mail," she said.

The Michigan Republican Party accused Nessel and Benson of failing to aggressively defend existing laws.

They're "standing idle hoping that their political party will benefit from legal chaos," Republican chairwoman Laura Cox said.

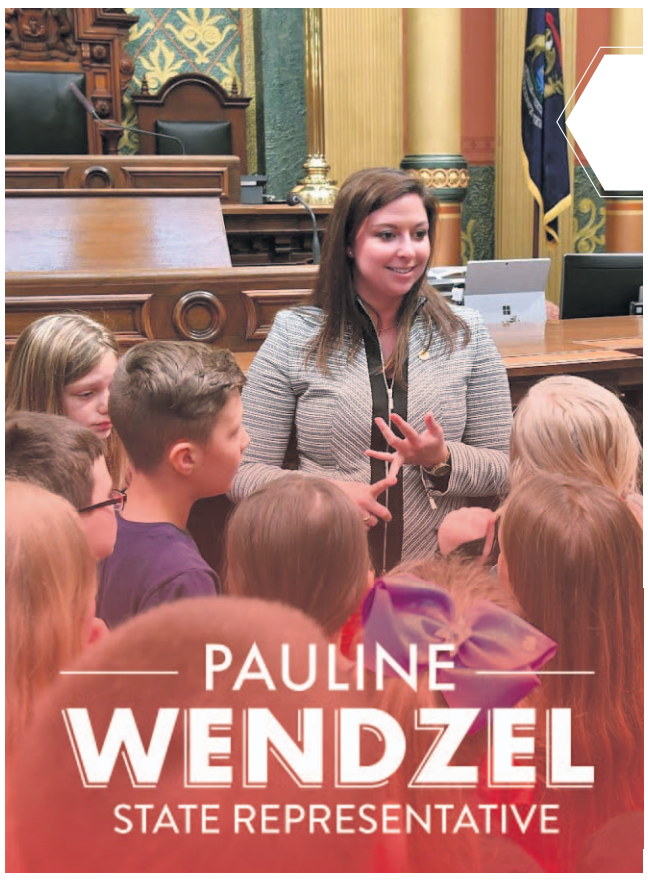
Separately, a federal judge on Thursday blocked Michigan's longstanding ban on transporting voters to the polls.

It's a misdemeanor to hire drivers to take voters to polling places unless they're unable to walk. Michigan was the only state where ride-hailing company Uber did not offer discounted rides to the polls on Election Day in November 2018, according to the lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Stephanie Dawkins Davis suspended enforcement of the law. A form of the ban has been on the books since 1895.

"Congress implemented a statutory scheme and gave citizens the right to spend money on transporting voters to the polls," Davis said.

The ban had been challenged by groups including Priorities USA, a liberal super PAC that has said it plans to spend millions mobilizing and turning out voters in the battleground state.



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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

"Bobby's Girl" will take people back to the 1950s, with its white-wall tires, glasspack mufflers and fuzzy dice hanging from the rear view mirror. The 1956 Mercury, owned by Bob Dill, will be one of many antique and classic cars on display Saturday for the Southwest Michigan Car Collector's Show in St. Joseph. The "Cars of Yesterday" show is sponsored by the car club and St. Joseph Today. Exhibitors do not have to be members of the car club. Dill said, "We usually get from 50-60 cars, anything from the early to mid-1900s to newer cars."

1985 – 35 years ago

Marcellus' girls basketball team made coach Earl Hahn's 200th victory at the school a memorable one Tuesday night as the Wildcats crushed Lawrence 85-17 in a Southwest Athletic Conference encounter. Teresa Wright pumped in 24 points while Debbie Carter and Stephanie Lehew chipped in 14 and 12 respectively, as Marcellus improved to 2-0 in the SAC and 3-0 overall. Hahn, now in his 11th year at the Marcellus helm, has posted a 200-38 record. His 1981 squad made it to the Class D quarterfinals before losing.

1970 – 50 years ago

Saturday will be a red-letter day for the Blossomland Cadets when they will march down State Street in Chicago in one of the city's famous parades. The Cadets are appearing there at the invitation of the United German American Society of Greater Chicago, to participate in the General Von Steuben parade. The parade will have 153 units, among them will be at least 18 drum corps, including a drum and fife corps from Essen, Germany, and Chicago's famous Cavaliers. The Cadets are sponsored by Amvet Post 88 of St. Joseph, and co-sponsored by American Legion Post 163 of St. Joseph and VFW Post 1137 of Benton Harbor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Sept. 19, the 263rd day of 2020. There are 103 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 19, 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

On this date:

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1984, Britain and China completed a draft agreement on transferring Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule by 1997.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
62°	45°	69° / 47°	71° / 53°	73° / 58°	76° / 60°

Local Outlook

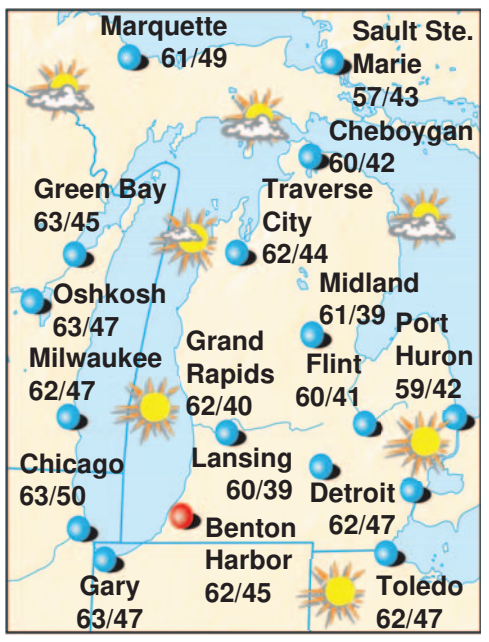
Today we will see sunny skies, high of 62°, humidity of 41%. East northeast wind 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 45°. East wind 5 to 8 mph. Sunday, skies will be sunny, high of 69°, humidity of 44%. East southeast wind 8 to 11 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:30 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:47 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 10:01 a.m.
Moonset ..... 9:26 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
9/23	10/1	10/9	10/16

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	62°
Low	46°
Normal High	74°
Normal Low	52°
Record High	89° in 2007
Record Low	43° in 2009

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal for month	1.98"
Year to date	27.92"
Normal Year to date	27.52"

Air Quality

Yesterday 30
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What are Dust Devils?

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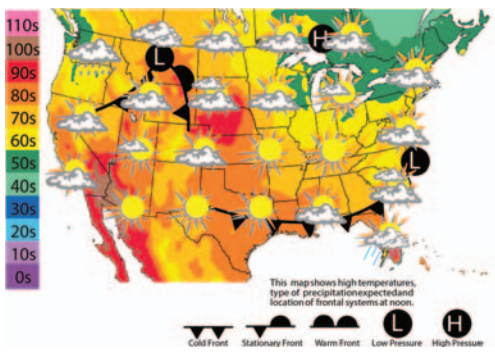
Answer: Small whirlwinds of dust that form in dry areas like deserts.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 19, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SE wind 5 to 10 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 68 degrees. Tonight, NE wind 6 to 9 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 50s and 60s. South wind 1 to 6 mph. Expect sunny skies Sunday with highs in the 60s. South southeast wind 5 to 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 50s and 60s. East northeast wind 7 mph. Expect sunny skies Sunday with highs in the 60s. East southeast wind 8 to 11 mph.

Running out of storm names, Atlantic hurricane season goes Greek

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

The Atlantic's record-breaking "crazy" hurricane season got a bizarre European remake Friday as forecasters ran out of traditional names and trotted out the Greek alphabet for subtropical storm Alpha. And it was misplaced geographically, bearing down on Portugal.

This is only the second time National Hurricane Center forecasters have had to pull out the Greek alphabet for names, with the last time being 2005. Tropical Storm Wilfred, the last of traditional names, officially formed little more than an hour before Alpha, prompting the hurricane center to tweet "get out the Greek alphabet."

Forecasters also predict Tropical Depression 22 in the western Gulf of Mexico will soon become a named storm. And if that's not enough, they are following two other systems that might develop.

"It's crazy," said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy. "This is just off the charts., We've made a joke of breaking records."

Both Wilfred and Alpha set records for earliest 21st and 22nd named Atlantic storms, beating 2005 by a few weeks.

Alpha is odd in another way. It's misplaced into an area where storms don't generally brew. That's so unusual that Alpha barely shows up on the hurricane center's real time storm tracking map, which is focused on the Americas. Only the "Al" of its Greek name shows and European forecasters are responsible for monitoring the small and weak Alpha.

But Alpha fits with the rest of this season in another way. About half of the storms this busy hurricane season have only lasted a few days and have been quite weak, McNoldy said. Vicky for example popped up quickly and soon dissipated without much notice. And with 22 storms only two of them – Laura and Teddy, which is still swirling – reached major hurricane status, which is also kind of unusual, McNoldy said.

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Friday's high school football scores

St. Joseph	46	Berrien Springs	21	Cassopolis	41	Coloma	36
Kal. Central	13	Niles	8	Hartford	14	Delton Kellogg	34
Port. Northern	15					Bridgman	48
Lakeshore	12					Marcellus	30
Kal. United	42	Buchanan	24	Watervliet	43	Lutheran	31
Benton Harbor	12	South Haven	6	Galesburg-Aug.	0	Eau Claire	26

Late score drops Lancers

Portage Northern TD in final minute spoils coach Dock's return

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore's football team lost a heartbreaker to Portage Northern here Friday in coach Denny Dock's return.

Portage Northern 15 Lakeshore 12

Northern won it 15-12 on a desperation 36-yard scoring strike on third-and-long from quarterback Tyler Coon to Thomas Xavier with 58 seconds left.

The Lancers had led 12-7 for nearly 2 ½ quarters.

"We just made too many critical mistakes at key times," said a disappointed Dock, who returned to the Lancer helm after a six-year hiatus. "We have a lot of work to do. Twice we were inside the red zone and came away with nothing. "

After a scoreless first quarter, the Huskies capped a 10-play drive with Northwestern-bound running back Anthony Tyus plowing in from 4 yards out to take a 7-0 lead.

But the Lancers answered quickly 2 ½ minutes later when quarterback Jimmy Gillette hits Cage Davison on a 44-yard scoring strike.

Then, with 4:17 left in the first half, Andrew Lies put the Lancers up 12-7 with a 13-yard scamper. Unfortunately, Lakeshore missed both extra point kicks, a main concern of Dock's entering the season.

"I thought our defense played great," noted Dock, against last year's Division 2 state runner-up.

Total yardage in the game was nearly even as the Huskies had 271 net yards to the Lancers' 231.

Both teams rushed for 161 yards, including 139 on 23 carries by Tyus. Lancer fullback Aiden Jackson gained 67 on 20 lugs and Davison

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Evin Koeppe hits Portage Northern's Tyler Coon, forcing a fumble during the first half of Friday night's game at Lakeshore High School.

No more waiting

St. Joseph rolls past Kalamazoo Central in season opener

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph had to wait to start the football season, but didn't take long to put up points.

St. Joseph 46 Kal. Central 13

The Bears combined a methodical running game with a dominant defense in a 46-13 victory over Kalamazoo Central on Friday in Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference action. It was the opener for both teams in a season delayed three weeks by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was awesome just to be out here," St. Joseph coach Andrew Pratley said. "A really good team effort. Defense played fast all night. I was really impressed all the way around."

St. Joseph mostly kept the ball on the ground on its first three possessions, and all of them ended in short touchdown runs by quarterback Troy Pratley, giving the Bears a 22-0 lead early in the second quarter.

On the night, the Bears finished with 47 rushes for 208 yards.

"We're young, I think we started six sophomores tonight," coach Pratley said. "We had to take what they gave us and keep grinding it out. I was proud of our kids to sustain drives hard in the first game, to be able to do that right down the field."

Troy Pratley finished with 18 carries for 90 yards and four touchdowns. He also completed 9 of 19 passes for 131 yards and a score. Griffin Shinrock was his preferred target, hauling in six receptions for 90 yards and a touchdown.

St. Joseph used a variety of running backs, led by Connor Savenas, who had 13 runs for 55 yards and a score.

Joseph Brown led the way for the St. Joseph defense. The lineman was in the Maroon Giants' backfield constantly, finishing with a team-high eight tackles, including four for losses.

"He's a beast," coach Pratley said. "He played offensive line for us last year. We kind of looked at some film, we lost a lot of great guys on defense. We said 'You've got to go to the other side of the ball' and he's just been dominant. He's a great player."

Coach Pratley also mentioned Sam Simpson, who had a fumble recovery that led to a touchdown, Carter Vonk and Malik Immoos as defensive standouts.

Reese Uzelac, granddaughter of former St. Joseph and current Berrien Springs coach Elliot Uzelac, was 5-for-5 on extra points. Max Taylor added a 39-yard field goal for the Bears.

Jaden Blanchard was a bright spot for Kalamazoo Central, rushing 19 times

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Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

St. Joseph quarterback Troy Pratley runs up the middle for short yardage and the Bears' first touchdown in the game against Kalamazoo Central on Friday.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

St. Joseph running back Connor Savenas carries the ball for a gain before he is forced out of bounds by Kalamazoo Central's Jaiquan Tipton during Friday's game.

Berrien wins in Uzelac's debut

McFarland leads Shamrocks past Niles

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

NEW BUFFALO — Berrien Springs' football team was able to take advantage of its big-play offense on Friday evening, helping the Shamrocks earn a Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference, 21-8 victory over Niles in the Vikings' BCS debut.

Berrien Springs 21 Niles 8

Each of the Shamrocks' three scoring plays came from beyond 20 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown sprint by quarterback Marshall McFarland.

The home contest for the Shamrocks was played at New Buffalo as Berrien Springs High School continues construction on its new athletic facility.

The win was Elliot Uzelac's first as Berrien Springs coach.

"It was hard for both teams. Fifteen days ago, we're not playing football," said Uzelac. "So actually this is like your first scrimmage. Our defense started out slow, but we got progressively better and better."

Both teams started out sluggish, with Berrien Springs forcing Niles into a turnover on downs before throwing an interception on its own first drive. Each team had only one first-quarter possession.

After a Niles punt to open the second, Uzelac decided to go for it on fourth-and-20 from the Vikings' 27-yard line.

McFarland was able to connect with Jacob Haygood in the near corner of the endzone to give the Shamrocks a 7-0 advantage, but Niles responded with a long drive down the field, capped off by a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Jason Matlock.

Matlock also converted the two point conversion to give Niles an 8-7 lead and some apparent momentum as the

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Reed takes lead as the real U.S. Open gets started at Winged Foot

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Every shot required full attention. Every hole was a test. Every par was valued.

Patrick Reed embraced every aspect of it Friday when the U.S. Open lived up to its reputation as the toughest test in golf, and so did Winged Foot.

"I love the grind," Reed said, barely unable to contain a grin.

From the bunker, he twice saved par. From ankle-deep rough behind the green to back pins, he walked off with two more pars. Throw in five birdies to offset the inevitable mistakes, and Reed had an even-par 70 that gave him a one-shot lead going into a U.S. Open that feels as though it's just getting started.

"It's almost like they set it up to ease our way into it, and then showed us what it's supposed to really be like," Reed said.

So does Bryson DeChambeau, the former U.S. Amateur champion and current muscleman who powered and putted his way to a 68, the lowest score on a day Winged Foot played to an average score of 75.25.

After an opening round in which 21 players broke par, Winged Foot allowed only three players under par. Nine others shot even. Everyone else was hanging on for dear life.

Reed was at 4-under 136, and only five other players remained in red numbers. DeChambeau is the only player to be under par in both rounds, the easier one and the brutal one.

"When I play well in these conditions, it's a lot more enjoyable," he said. "If I had to look back on it, I would say that this today is a more enjoyable test after I'm done because it shows who executed the shots the best, for sure."

This was the Winged Foot everyone has heard about. This is the U.S. Open everyone expected.

Rafa Cabrera-Bello of Spain and Harris English each had a 70 and were at 2-under 138.

They were joined by Justin Thomas, who opened with a 65 – the lowest ever at Winged Foot

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Jose Juarez / AP

Chicago Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky throws a pass in the second half of a Sunday, Sept. 13 game against the Detroit Lions. The Bears hope to win back-to-back games to start a season for the first time in seven years.

Bears look to build on opening win

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears came into the season determined to show they're more like the team that won the NFC North in 2018 than the one that missed the playoffs a year ago.

A narrow escape last week wasn't exactly a strong opening statement. Maybe now, they'll start making a convincing case.

The Bears aim to win back-to-back games to start a season for the first time in seven years and deny the Giants their first victory under new coach Joe Judge when New York visits Soldier Field on Sunday.

Chicago rallied from 17 points down behind three fourth-quarter touchdown throws by Mitchell Trubisky and hung on for a 27-23 victory at Detroit last week. The Giants lost 26-16 to Pittsburgh on Monday night.

"To battle back the way we did says a lot about this team and this offense and what we're capable of," Trubisky said.

Coming off an 8-8 year, the Bears looked for three quarters like they were headed toward a loss. But they came out on top in a season opener for the first time since a 3-0 start in 2013.

The Giants, with 12 wins since the 2016 playoff season, also have much room to improve. Saquon Barkley got swarmed by the Steelers and was held to 6 yards on 15 carries in one of his worst games since he was drafted with the No. 2 overall pick in 2018. He'll try to get going against a top 10 defense that got picked apart at times last week.

"We've got to do some things to help Saquon throughout the game," Judge said. "He's a key part of our team, he's an integral part of our offense. We're going to keep feeding him the ball and he's going to make some plays for us."

Under center

A shotgun quarterback since he was in middle school, Trubisky might have a new home under center. He took about half his snaps there in the opener. And it looks like more of that is coming.

"You want to be able to keep things off-balance, and we still have a lot of stuff from the gun," coach Matt Nagy said. "But as we're trying to create this identity of who we are you can probably feel there's a little bit more of that for sure this year."

The change stems from the Bears' self-scouting in the wake of last season. They decided the offense would work better and keep defenses guessing more with the quarterback taking fewer shotgun snaps.

Trubisky felt the line blocked better when he was under center, that play-action functioned more smoothly, and the passing game benefited as a result.

Packers wary of Lions after uncomfortable sweep last season

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The past two games between the Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions exemplified the biggest difference between these two teams.

Green Bay has an uncanny ability to win close games. Detroit keeps finding new ways to lose them.

The Packers swept their two regular-season meetings with the Lions last year despite never leading either game until Mason Crosby made a game-winning field goal as time expired. They meet again Sunday in Green Bay's home opener.

"It was pretty much a miracle that we were able to win both those games," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said.

(For more in-depth coverage of the NFL, listen to the AP Pro Football Podcast apple.co/3iGiX8a)

The Lions are trying to bounce back after blowing a 17-point, fourth-quarter lead in a 27-23 loss to Chicago last week.

That marked Detroit's 10th consecutive defeat, a skid that began last November.

"It doesn't matter if you lose it, win it, win it by 10, lose it by 10, whatever it is, lose a close one, win a close one," Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford said. "You've got to move on to the next one. Shoot, lucky for us, Green Bay gets our attention pretty quick."

Green Bay went 9-1 last year in games decided by eight points or fewer before opening this season with a 43-34 victory at Minnesota. Detroit had a 2-0-1 record early last season with a pair of three-point victories, but has since gone 1-9 in games decided by eight points or fewer.

The Lions have lost 11 games they led in the fourth quarter under coach Matt Patricia, who just took over in 2018.

Detroit will have a tough time building a lead against a Green Bay offense operating at peak efficiency. Aaron Rodgers threw for 364 yards and four touchdowns without an interception against the Vikings. Davante Adams caught 14 passes to tie Don Hutson's 78-year-old franchise single-game record.

But the Packers are taking nothing for granted.

"Quite frankly, they should have won last week," LaFleur said. "There's no doubt about it. And they definitely could have beaten us twice last year. So you know we've got a big task in front of us."

Here are some things to know heading into the Lions-Packers game.

Offensive line uncertainty

The Packers lost starting right guard Lane Taylor to a season-ending knee injury against Minnesota. Right tackle Billy Turner sat out the Vikings game with a knee problem, and his status for Sunday's game is uncertain.

The Packers' injuries on the offensive line could create an opportunity for tackle Rick Wagner, who was Detroit's starting right tackle from 2017-19 before getting released in March.

Cornerback concerns

Detroit has hamstring issues with its cornerbacks.

The Lions placed Justin Coleman on injured reserve and are unsure of Desmond Trufant's status after he was unable to practice Wednesday.

Detroit's cornerback situation should get a boost from rookie Jeff Okudah, the No. 3 overall pick from Ohio State. Okudah has been practicing this week after missing the Bears game with a hamstring injury.

Alexander's encore

Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander will have a tough time matching what he accomplished in the season opener. Alexander had a sack, interception and safety against the Vikings to become just the fifth player in the past 20 years to achieve all three of those things in the same game.

Familiar foe

Stafford has thrown for 5,186 yards against Green Bay, the most of any Packers opponent. He has thrown 34 touchdown passes against the Packers to tie Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas for first place among all Green Bay foes.

The Lions are 7-11 against the Packers in the games Stafford has played.

Old rival returns to green bay

Adrian Peterson had many memorable matchups with Green Bay during the veteran running back's years with the Minnesota Vikings. After making stops in New Orleans, Arizona and Washington the past three seasons, Peterson is back in the NFC North with Detroit.

Peterson rushed for 93 yards on 14 carries in his Lions debut.

"In my generation playing in this league the last 15 years, to me he's the most talented back we've seen," Rodgers said. "There have been a lot of great ones, but we played him twice a year seeing him in his prime. Not many people that can combine speed, power, moves all in one, and you hated seeing him get out in the open field because he rarely got caught and he just had all the tools as a back.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Cage Davison rushes past Portage Northern's Xavier Thomas and scores a touchdown during the first half of Friday night's game at Lakeshore High School.

LANCERS

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42 on seven totes, mostly sweeps around end.

Gillette completed 5 of 12 aerials for 72 yards.

Both teams were penalized numerous times and each lost two fumbles. Northern was penalized 15 times for 155 yards and Lakeshore eight for 71.

Top Lakeshore tacklers were Treyjen Keim with eight and Kaleb Tollefson with seven.

It was Northern's third straight win over Lakeshore.

PORTAGE NORTHERN 15, LAKESHORE 12

Northern	0	7	0	8	—	15
Lakeshore	0	12	0	0	—	12

Second quarter

PN – Anthony Tyus 4 run (Drew Hovestadt kick)
L – Cage Davison 44 pass from Jimmy Gillette (kick failed)
L – Andrew Lies 13 run (kick failed)

Fourth quarter

PN – Thomas Xavier 36 pass from Tyler Coon (A. Tyus run)

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Lakeshore head coach Denny Dock talks with Treyjen Keim during the first half of Friday night's game against Portage Northern at Lakeshore High School.

Ron DeKett

St. Joseph wide receiver Griffin Shinrock (3) pulls down a pass from quarterback Troy Pratley for a long gain against Kalamazoo Central on Friday.

BEARS

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for 157 yards and a touchdown.

The Maroon Giants were hurt by five fumbles, three of which the Bears recovered.

St. Joseph is at Okemos next Friday.

ST. JOSEPH 46, KAL. CENTRAL 13

K. Central	0	6	0	7	—	46
St. Joseph	15	10	14	7	—	13

First quarter

SJ – Troy Pratley 2 run (Reese Uzelac kick), 8:48.
SJ – Pratley 6 run (Connor Savenas run), 0:34.

Second quarter

SJ – Pratley 2 run (Uzelac kick), 9:04.
SJ – Max Taylor 39 field goal, 3:59.
KC – Jaden Blanchard 11 run (kick blocked), 1:21.

Third quarter

SJ – Connor Savenas 1 run (Uzelac kick), 5:38.
SJ – Griffin Shinrock 11 pass from Pratley (Uzelac kick), 4:46.

Fourth quarter

SJ – Pratley 1 run (Uzelac kick), 11:06.
KC – Andre Tarver 10 run (Breven Brill kick), 5:43.

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BERRIEN

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half winded down.

However, McFarland again found Haygood, this time with just 10 seconds left in the half. Haygood was able to take a short pass over the middle 52 yards to the end zone after cutting back outside, giving Berrien a 13-8 halftime edge.

Niles was never able to regain momentum. The Vikings strung together a few quality playa to get downfield, but couldn't quite convert that into points.

"We had a nice drive in the first half where we really ran the field," Niles coach Joe Sassano said. "They had the big explosion plays, and we didn't. We were able to control their drives early on in until that second quarter. We turned the ball over and gave them a short field a couple times, but our kids played hard."

The only score in the second half was McFarland's long run, which came on a first-and-ten late in the third.

McFarland finished just 2-of-6 passing for 79 yards, but both connections were for scores. He threw one interception, and rushed for 82 yards.

"Marshall is an explosive player, he really is," praised Uzelac. "He can run, he can throw. He's a good football player. We're going to get opportunities to make plays. This offense is designed to spread you out and do different things to you. But I keep going back to we've got to get better up front."

The Shamrocks outgained the Vikings 216-162. Niles lost 30 yards on one play after an errant snap on a punt attempt. That error set up the Shamrocks' first touchdown.

Niles' Matlock completed 8 of 16 passes for 56 yards. Running back Colin Hess netted 79 on the ground on 16 carries. Conner Pickens caught three passes for 21 yards.

Junyoung Chung carried the ball 12 times for the Shamrocks, netting 34 yards. Jamal Hailey had 21 yards on five lugs.

Uzelac said he still sees room for improvement next week as both teams look to gain traction in what could only be described as a unique start to the season.

"They gave our offense some opportunities we didn't take advantage of," Uzelac said. "Our defense has got to get better. We've got to be better up front, and our backs have got to run better. Those things we're going to work on real hard this week."

BERRIEN SPRINGS 21, NILES 8

Berrien Springs	0	13	8	0	—	21
Niles	0	8	0	0	—	8

Second quarter

B Sp – Jacob Haygood 27 pass from Marshall McFarland (James York kick), 9:12.
N – Jason Matlock 1 run (Matlock run), 4:53.
B Sp – Haygood 52 pass from McFarland (kick failed), :10.

Third quarter

B Sp – McFarland 60 run (Lucas Rindfield from McFarland), :22.
Records – Berrien Springs 1-0, Niles 0-1.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Titans top Eau Claire in football opener

By HP STAFF

Michigan Lutheran defeated Eau Claire 31-26 in a Southwest Michigan Eight-Man Football League game on Friday, spoiling the Beavers' eight-man debut.

Titans quarterback Spencer Harris had a big night, throwing for 155 yards and three touchdowns and rushing for 156 yards and a score.

Jordan Ramirez added 77 yards rushing and 52 receiving. He scored touchdowns both on the ground and through the air, and led the defense with 13 ½ tackles.

Nathan Rosca added three receptions for 88 yards and two touchdowns, and Josh Tahaney had 7 ½ tackles.

Lutheran outgained Eau Claire 417-221.

Buchanan 24, South Haven 6

Buchanan trailed 6-3 at halftime, but scored three third-quarter touchdowns to pull away.

Connor LeGault threw touchdowns to Gavin Fazi and Darius Griggs, and Keeghan Pelley added a rushing score. Pelley finished with 71 yards on the ground and Johnny Rager added 60. The Bucks held a 221-128 advantage in total offense.

GIRLS GOLF

COLDWATER INV.

Team scores — 1. St. Joseph (Blue) 370, 2. Kal. Hackett 377, 3. Sturgis 387, 4. Coldwater 397, 5. BC Harper Creek 397, 6. Gull Lake 399, 7. Portage Northern 402, 8. St. Joseph (White) 420, 9. Hanover Horton 426, 10. Parma Western 428, 11. Three Rivers 446, 12. Portage Central 474.
St. Joseph (Blue) – Maya Hunter 84, Izzy Ugalde 90, Gracie Thomas 95, Morgan Guzzo 101, Maddy Cleveland 103.
St. Joseph (White) – Madison Jackson 95, Clara Berry 106, Bailey Kulich 107, Mikaela Van Hoven 112, Katie McKitrick 112.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday's results

LAKESHORE 2, BC LAKEVIEW 2

Goals — Lakeshore: Nathan Marohn, Jack Baldwin.
Assists – Lakeshore: Mario Testini, Trevor Olson.
Saves – Noah Deitrich (L) 3.
Record – Lakeshore 1-2-1.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday's results

SAUGATUCK D. WATERVLIET
25-21, 25-19, 25-21

Watervliet — Samantha Dietz 8 kills, 15 digs, 3 aces; Myah Hobson 5 kills; Grace Chisek 13 assists, 13 digs.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Burritt aces hole at Harbor Shores

Harry Burritt made a hole-in-one on the 120-yard No. 11 hole at Harbor Shores on Wednesday.

Burritt used a 9-iron for the shot, which was witnessed by Russ Reschke, Roccy DeFrancesco and Jeff Hufford.

U.S. OPEN

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for a U.S. Open – and lost all those shots to par after 10 holes. Thomas then delivered a 5-wood from 228 yards into the wind on the par-3 third hole and made a slick, 15-foot, double-breaking birdie putt to steady himself. He scratched out a 73 and is right in it.

Jason Kokrak (71) was the only other player under par at 1-under 139.

"This isn't exactly a place where you go out and try to shoot 6 or 7 under to catch up," Thomas said. "I'm not going to worry about what everyone else is doing because you could shoot 80 just as easily as you could shoot 68. I just need to stay focused, and most importantly, go home and get some rest. Because I'm pretty tired."

There's still 36 holes to go, and no indication that Winged Foot is going to get any easier.

"The rough is still really thick. I don't think they're planning on cutting it," Matthew Wolff said after salvaging a 74 that left him four shots behind. "The greens are only going to get firmer, and the scores are only going to get higher."

Tiger Woods is among those who won't be around to experience it.

He had a pair of double bogeys at the end of the back nine, and two birdies over his last three holes gave him a 77.

He missed the cut by four shots, the eighth time in his last 15 majors he won't be around for the weekend.

"It feels like the way the golf course is changing, is turning, that anybody who makes the cut has the opportunity to win this championship," Woods said. "I didn't get myself that opportunity."

Neither did Phil Mickelson, who had his highest 36-hole score in 29 appearances in the one major he hasn't won. Ditto for Jordan Spieth, whose 81 was his highest score in a major. PGA champion Collin Morikawa missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the final hole that cost him a chance to keep playing.

Reed turned in a workman-like performance, making birdies when he had the chance, saving par when needed. This is the kind of golf he loves. It's a grind. And it's about feel. He was most pleased with his birdie on No. 1 after he made the turn, going with a chip 8-iron from 147 yards into the wind and riding the slope at the back of the green to tap-in range.

"I love when it's hard, when you have to be creative on all different golf shots," he said.

There were plenty of great rounds on such a demanding course, many of which fell apart at the end. Louis Oosthuizen was 3 under in the morning when he finished bogey-bogey-double bogey for a 74. Xander Schauffele was 3 under until he bogeyed three of his last five holes.

"The wind can make a par-3 course difficult, so put that on a U.S. Open setup, it's going to be even more so," Schauffele said. "It'll be a fun afternoon to watch on TV."

Rory McIlroy's problems started early. He was 5 over through seven holes, including a birdie at the start, and shot 76 to fall seven shots behind. Dustin Johnson was bogey-free through 16 holes until a pair of bad tee shots led to bogey. He had a 70 and was in the group at 3-over 143.

All of them still feel as though the U.S. Open is in sight. And they know the hard work that awaits.

"It's all you want out there. Just got to grind, got to battle," English said, who finished his round with 11 straight pars. "You're going to have to make some hard pars out there. You're going to hit it in the rough some, you're going to miss some greens, and just got to figure it out."

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Patrick Reed plays a shot off the second fairway during the second round of the U.S. Open on Friday.

Americans who can afford to hoard cash are waiting for a vaccine to spend it

Michelle Singletary

Until there's an effective vaccine, many Americans who can afford to save money are playing it safe and hoarding their cash, according to a poll.

While tens of thousands of people are struggling to pay their rent or buy food, others have been able to squirrel away some savings and pay off debt because they're spending less on eating out, vacations and consumer goods.

The U.S. personal savings rate hit a record 33 percent in April, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The rate has been going down since then, hitting 17.8 percent in July. Still, the data shows that many people are able to save.

Gallup and Franklin Templeton released a survey that found 54 percent of Americans are saving at least a little money, and until there's a vaccine, they largely plan to keep stashing it away. The survey was conducted Aug. 3-11.

"A lot of people are just waiting on the vaccine to be developed to continue their normal spending," Grant Buckles, a senior research consultant who worked on the survey, said in an interview. "People are making judgments, not necessarily about their personal health, but about the economy. And everyone knows that for the economy to fully reopen, we need a reliable vaccine."

In July, to better gauge and forecast the financial impact of the pandemic, Franklin Templeton and Gallup announced a partnership to look at the economic realities of the novel coronavirus.

Each month, researchers are interviewing thousands of U.S. adults to understand their behaviors and attitudes toward resuming pre-virus behaviors, according to Stephanie Marken, executive director of education research at Gallup.

"According to epidemiologists, the U.S. remains in its first wave of cases, and they warn that a second wave could hit in the fall of 2020, ensuring that reopening the economy will likely include many starts and stops as states grapple with public health concerns and the reality of continued disruptions to business operations," Marken wrote in announcing the joint venture.

In this latest study, they asked: What do you plan to do with your increased savings over the next six months? Among Americans who can afford to save:

- 76 percent are planning to continue to add to their savings.
- 28 percent will do some spending, purchasing basic goods and services.
- 13 percent plan on paying for a vacation or personal travel.
- 10 percent have targeted the savings to pay off debts.

One interesting finding was what people were doing with their extra funds.

Most – 79 percent – are squirreling the money away in their checking or savings accounts. Only 24 percent have increased their contributions to retirement accounts, 17 percent have invested in the stock or bond markets, 5 percent have put it into real estate and just 3 percent have invested in other assets, such as cryptocurrency.

Rather than taking risks, people are keeping their money liquid, Buckles said. "There's a lot of uncertainty," he said. "For the time being, I think people want to make sure that they have money for necessities. I think those who are able to save will continue to keep those assets available. We will see more people dipping into those savings if the economy continues to tread water and we don't see much improvement in the unemployment rate."

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Ask the Fool

(Over)Night Moves

Q How can a stock suddenly start trading at a very different price than where it closed the day before? — *V.B., Winona, Minnesota*

A It means that something happened overnight while the market was closed. Imagine that shares of Help Depot (ticker: RUOK) are trading around $75 per share when the market closes. If the company then reports blowout revenue and earnings, demand for the shares may build up. When stock trading resumes the next morning, the stock price probably won't open at $75 and then rise gradually. Instead, it's likely to just begin trading at a significantly higher level. That's because many investors will now assign a greater value to the company, and the limited existing shares will have risen in value to meet the higher demand. Buyers are simply willing to pay more for the shares.

The opposite can happen, too, of course, if there are negative developments about a company.

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Q What's a mock portfolio? — *H.K., Jacksonville, Florida*

A A mock portfolio is a pretend one — ideal for beginning investors, and others who want to practice investing without putting any real money down. You can set one up on paper, or you can create an online portfolio at sites such as **Finance.Yahoo.com.** Then go through the motions of investing: Study companies, decide which ones to invest in, note that you've "bought" a certain number of shares at a certain price, and then follow the progress of the companies and the stocks. Over time, see how you do.

A mock portfolio can serve as a kind of watch list, too, as it can alert you when the price of a stock you're interested in falls to an attractive level.

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What If Your Tax Return Gets Audited?

There are many scary words and phrases, such as "root canal," "bedbugs" and "new transmission." "Tax audit" is one of them — but you probably needn't worry too much about that.

For one thing, relatively few tax returns get audited, and audit rates have been falling in recent years. During the tax agency's fiscal year 2019 (which ended Sept. 30, 2019), only 0.45% of individual tax returns were examined — down from 1.11% in 2010.

Here's what you need to know, though, in case you do get audited:

• You need to respond to the notice. It will tell you which items are being questioned, so you know what documentation you need to mail in or bring to the audit in person. (Most audits are handled completely by mail.)

• Stay focused. Bring or send in only what's required, as additional items could raise further questions. Also, send copies of documents, not originals, in case any get lost. If you meet with an auditor, you're essentially providing testimony, so keep your answers to questions brief — if possible, just say "yes" or "no." Light banter about your new Porsche, for example, could raise some unwanted questions.

• Replace any missing documents supporting your return. An auditor won't skip items just because you can't find them. Without supporting documents, that deduction you took may be denied.

• Learn about your rights as a taxpayer: Read **IRS.gov/taxpayer-bill-of-rights**. For example, you have the right to hire someone (such as a lawyer, a certified public accountant or an IRS Enrolled Agent) to represent you in your dealings with the agency.

Most audits involve a simple question and can be easily resolved. You might reduce your chances of being audited in the first place by making sure your tax return is legible and complete. And keep good records of your income and expenses, as they can make dealing with an audit much easier. Learn much more at **IRS.gov** and **Fool.com/taxes.**

My Dumbest Investment

A Splitting Headache

My dumbest investment was selling my shares of Netflix at $81, before its 7-for-1 split. That taught me to hold or add to companies you believe in. — *B.A.W., online*

The Fool Responds: Ouch. Some readers may think it's a shame to miss out on a stock split, but splits rarely mean much. You get more shares (seven times the number you own, in this case), but their price shrinks proportionately (to about a seventh of their original value, in this case). If you'd bought your shares at, say, $70 apiece, that purchase price would have been adjusted by the split to a seventh of that, to give you a new cost basis (for tax calculation purposes) of $10 per share. That makes your sale even more regrettable, as shares of Netflix were recently trading near $480 apiece, post-split. If you'd originally invested $3,000 in Netflix, your stake recently would have been worth more than $140,000.

That's all in the past, though. What you can do now is decide whether you have any interest in buying shares again. Many investors see much more upside ahead for the company, though others worry that its growth rate will slow and that its shares may be overvalued now. If you're intrigued but not sure, you might add Netflix to a watch list, follow the company's developments, and wait and hope for a better entry price later.

The Motley Fool Take

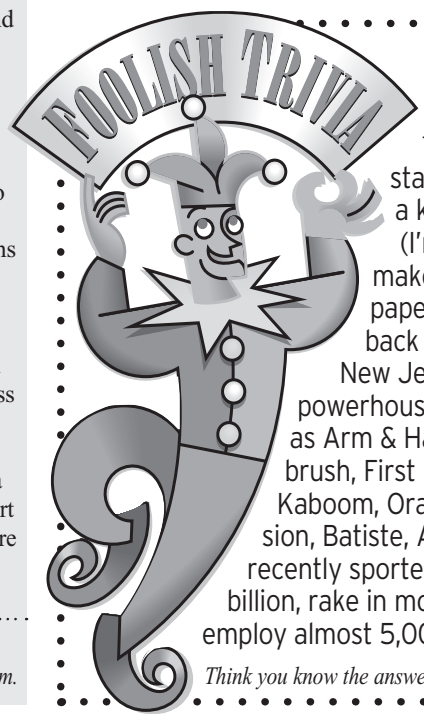
Profits Brewing?

Like most businesses, Starbucks (Nasdaq: SBUX) has suffered during the pandemic, with far fewer people grabbing refreshments on their way to or from work, and many indoor eating areas closed.

In the company's last reported quarter, revenue declined 38.1% year over year; that was better than expected, as consumers offset a 51% drop in traffic with much higher order sizes, up 23% from last year. On its conference call with analysts, management noted an accelerating improvement in U.S. store trends, with a 65% decline in traffic in mid-April improving to a 16% decline in late June. Its recovery in China also exceeded expectations.

Starbucks isn't standing still, waiting for the pandemic to end, either. The company recently unveiled a new store format for urban environments called Starbucks Pickup, which should greatly boost profit efficiency in expensive urban markets. It's also rolling out a new curbside pickup experience at up to 1,000 stores this quarter, as well as a new handheld payment processor to increase throughput. Management expects a return to profitability this quarter.

Starbucks is certainly challenged right now, but the combination of its world-class brand, leadership in the digital arena and continuous innovation presents a promising opportunity for long-term investors. The company even pays a dividend, which recently yielded 1.9%. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Starbucks and has recommended Starbucks stock and options.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1846, when two brothers-in-law started packaging baking soda in a kitchen to sell to businesses. (I'm currently America's leading maker of it.) I began using recycled paperboard for packaging way back in 1907. Today, based in Ewing, New Jersey, I'm a consumer products powerhouse, encompassing brands such as Arm & Hammer, Trojan, OxiClean, Spinbrush, First Response, Nair, Orajel, XTRA, Kaboom, Orange GLO, L'il Critters, Vitafusion, Batiste, Arrid, WaterPik and Flawless. I recently sported a market value of around $23 billion, rake in more than $4 billion annually, and employ almost 5,000 people. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1940s, when a retired high school principal met a retired teacher living in poverty in a chicken coop. After the principal formed an organization to help retired teachers, in 1958 she founded me to address the needs of all older people. I launched a lifelong learning institute in 1963. In the 1960s, I successfully pushed for legislation banning age discrimination in the workplace. In 1979, I launched driver-safety programs for older drivers. My magazine, formerly called Modern Maturity, is read by tens of millions. You can join me even if you're younger than 50. Who am I? (Answer: AARP)

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Are Medicare Advantage plans worth the risk?

Liz Weston

About 1 in 3 people 65 and older in the U.S. enroll in Medicare Advantage, the private insurance alternative to traditional Medicare. It's not hard to see why: Medicare Advantage plans often cover stuff that Medicare doesn't, and most people don't pay extra for it.

But Medicare Advantage can be more expensive if you get sick because copays and other costs can be higher, says Katy Votava, president of Goodcare.com, a health care consultant for financial advisors and consumers.

Unhappy customers who want to switch back to traditional Medicare may find they no longer qualify for the supplemental policies to help pay their medical bills, or that they would face prohibitively high premiums.

"These are complicated products," says Votava, author of "Making the Most of Medicare." "They're like nothing else, no other insurance that people encounter anywhere until they get to Medicare."

Medicare's alphabet soup

The first hurdle many people face when deciding about Medicare coverage is simply understanding how the various parts fit together. Traditional Medicare, also known as original Medicare, has two parts:

Part A covers hospitalization and is typically premium-free.

Part B covers outpatient care, including doctor visits, and has a standard monthly premium of $144.60 for 2020, although higher-income people pay more.

You can choose any doctor who accepts Medicare, and most do. The government pays health care providers directly.

Part D is prescription drug coverage, which is provided by private insurers. The drugs that are covered and the amounts you pay out of pocket vary widely. Monthly premiums vary as well but average $32.74 in 2020.

Traditional Medicare has deductibles, copays and coinsurance that can quickly add up. To cover these gaps, private insurers also offer supplemental plans known as Medigap. The average monthly Medigap premium in 2019 was $152, according to health insurance marketplace eHealth.com, but it can be lower or much higher depending on the plan, the insurer and the area where you live. The plans are known by letters A through N. As with traditional Medicare, you can choose any doctor who accepts Medicare.

If you apply for a Medigap policy when you're first eligible for Medicare, the insurer has to accept you and can't charge more for preexisting conditions.

Medicare Advantage differences

Medicare Part C is Medicare Advantage. Rather than add to the other parts of Medicare, however, Medicare Advantage plans replace them. Insurers that offer Medicare Advantage are required to provide all the benefits of Part A and Part B, and most plans include Part D drug coverage as well. In addition, the plans typically cover certain expenses that Medicare doesn't, such as hearing, vision and dental care.

Most Medicare Advantage enrollees in 2020 paid no additional premiums for their coverage, other than their regular Part B premiums, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a health research group.

Managing costs

Medicare Advantage plans are similar to employer-provided group health insurance: To be covered, you typically must choose health care providers in the insurance company's network. The network may be relatively narrow if the plan is a health maintenance organization (HMO) or somewhat broader if it's a preferred provider organization (PPO).

You may need preapproval for certain types of care or referrals to see specialists. If you go out of network, your costs may not be covered or may not apply to your out-of-pocket limits. Even if your doctor is "in network" now, that could change and you might not get much notice.

Also, Medicare Advantage plans are typically regional. If you move out of the area or travel to other states, you may not be covered.

The devil's in the details, and Medicare Advantage plans have many, many details. The average Medicare beneficiary has access to 28 Medicare Advantage options, with varying networks, coverage, deductibles, copays and co-insurance, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

In general, though, Medicare Advantage costs less upfront and potentially more overall if you need lots of medical care. Many Medigap plans have higher upfront costs but cover most if not all of your expenses when you need care.

If you want to switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another, you can do so during annual enrollment periods. But if you want to switch from Medicare Advantage to traditional Medicare, you often won't have guaranteed access to a Medigap policy.

That means the insurer may charge you more, exclude preexisting conditions for a time or not issue you a policy at all.

That doesn't mean Medicare Advantage plans are a poor choice – just a complicated one, says Tatiana Fassieux, a training specialist with California Health Advocates, a Medicare advocacy nonprofit.

She recommends people contact their state health insurance assistance program, which can provide free, unbiased one-on-one counseling. Links to these programs can be found by visiting the SHIP National Technical Assistance Center.

"People should not rely exclusively on television commercials," Fassieux warns. "That's when people get stuck and sometimes make the wrong decision."

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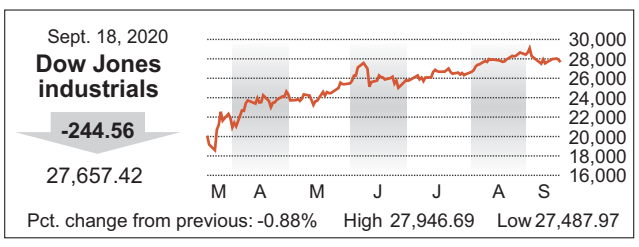

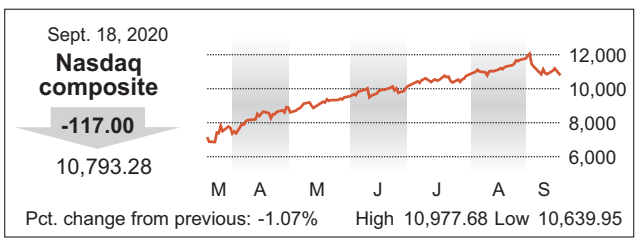

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Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	106.84	-3.50	-3.2	▼	▼	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1205.28	-18.84	-1.5	▼	▼	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.08	18.88	-.68	-3.5	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	61.10	-.24	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	50.45	-.10	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	45.26	-.32	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
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1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	32.15	-.57	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	9.60	7.23	-.05	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	6.88	-.17	-2.4	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	275.19	-4.77	-1.7	▼	▼	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	10.35	+.04	+0.4	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.69	-.10	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	188.17	186.04	-.48	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	122.76	-2.16	-1.7	▲	▼	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	98.35	-.21	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	149.18	+2.01	+1.4	▲	▼	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	171.72	160.10	-3.68	-2.2	▼	▼	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	226.72	220.27	-2.31	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	200.39	-2.52	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	34.52	-.03	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	47.07	-1.31	-2.7	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	36.63	-.19	-0.5	▲	▼	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	141.70	137.37	-.15	-0.1	▼	▼	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	95.78	-.66	-0.7	▬	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.34	+.30	+2.5	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	206.38	-5.19	-2.5	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	25.17	-.48	-1.9	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	90.17	156.10	148.82	+1.21	+0.8	▲	▼	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	155.56	138.11	-.04	...	▲	▼	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	167.36	159.66	-.09	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	60.35	-.24	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	94.87	-1.24	-1.3	▼	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	135.29	-1.40	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.88	64.50	36.93	-.28	-0.8	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	20.96	-.29	-1.4	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	185.96	174.27	-2.47	-1.4	▲	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	39.77	+.15	+0.4	▲	▼	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	86.69	-3.65	-4.0	▼	▲	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from mostly $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, and Gala sold from mostly $22-23.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold lower from $22.50-24.50, and white offerings brought $26.50, while green offerings from Mexico sold steady $22-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Michigan sold higher for mostly $22-23.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from British Columbia sold lower for $24.50, while offerings from Peru brought $36.50. Organic offerings from California sold higher for $38.50. Strawberries in flats of l2 1-lb containers small-medium size from California sold much lower for $14.00, while organic offerings sold for $28.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher for $30, with organic offerings sold higher for mostly $41-43.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold higher from $16-18, with red type slightly higher for mostly $18-19.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold from mostly $13-15, with organic offerings sold higher for mostly $21-23.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Michigan bi-color and yellow sold higher for $24.50.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size sold higher for $30, while select offerings brought $16, large sold for $18 and carton 24s brought $13-14. Pickles of 200-300 size from Michigan sold steady from $26-28.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Michigan sold steady from mostly $19-20, with fair quality $17, and organic offerings from Ohio brought $26.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher for $27-29, with organic offerings higher from mostly $31-32.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold lower for $29.

PEACHES: Half-bushel cartons of various yellow flesh varieties from West Virginia of 2 1/2 inch up sold from $27-29.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Michigan green jumbo, extra-large, large and fair quality sold higher for $25. Extra-large size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for mostly $19-21 with medium size $8-10, and extra-large offerings from Ohio sold for $18-20. Medium-large hungarian wax peppers from Michigan sold from mostly $23-24, and extra-large size poblanos sold for $20-21, medium size anaheims brought $24, while serranos from Texas sold for $24.

PRUNES: 28-pound cartons of Italian of 1-1/4-inch min. size from Washington old lower for $25.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Illinois sold for $20, with medium size $18, while yellow straightneck medium sold for $20. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn sold for $17-17.50 and medium size butternut sold from $18-19.50, while small spaghetti sold lower for $18.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Michigan of 4x5 size sold for $19, with 5x6 size $18, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold slightly higher for $20. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Michigan sold for $15. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red from Michigan sold for $14-14.50. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold from $14-15, while offerings from Michigan sold for mostly $17-18 with large size $16-17.

WATERMELONS: 24-inch bins of Michigan red flesh seedless type 45s sold higher for $180 with 60 count $160.

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A field of corn grows in front of an old windmill in Pacific Junction, Iowa, in July 2018. The federal government said Friday it would give farmers an additional $14 billion to compensate them for the difficulties they've experienced selling their crops, milk and meat because of the coronavirus pandemic.

USDA plans additional $14B for farmers reeling from virus

By DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The federal government said Friday that it will give farmers an additional $14 billion to compensate them for the difficulties they have experienced selling their crops, milk and meat because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture released details of its plan that it said will provide "financial assistance that gives producers the ability to absorb increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic."

President Donald Trump first mentioned the aid in a speech Thursday night in Wisconsin, a presidential battleground state that is considered vital for his chances to win a second term.

The additional payments illustrate the importance of farmers as a voting block to Trump's reelection. He addressed them in Wisconsin directly, saying "you gotta love Trump" and promising favorable trade and regulatory changes, as well as tax cuts.

"Now we have to get four more years to cement it, and to do additional things," he said.

The coronavirus pandemic has created several problems for farmers. Lowered availability of labor has reduced crop and livestock production as well as processing capacity in meatpacking plants and other facilities. These problems have pushed prices that farmers receive for commodities lower. They've also seen a drop in demand for some products as fewer people have been eating out. Farm households also have suffered from loss of income from off-farm jobs that they use to fund farm production needs, household living expenses and payments on farm business debt.

Agriculture groups applauded the additional money, much of which will come in direct payments for crops that meet a specified threshold of price decline. They include corn, soybeans, wheat and some cotton.

Chicken, eggs, milk, beef cattle, pigs and lambs also will be covered, as will tobacco, wool, alfalfa, oats, peanuts, rice and hemp.

Farmers can begin signing up for the money on Monday.

The program places a payment cap of $250,000 per person or farm entity for all commodities combined. Gross income can't be more than $900,000, unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities.

U.S. bans WeChat, TikTok from app stores, threatens shutdowns

By TALI ARBEL, MATT O'BRIEN and MATT OTT
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The U.S. Commerce Department said Friday it will ban Chinese-owned TikTok and WeChat from U.S. app stores on Sunday and will bar the apps from accessing essential internet services in the U.S. – a move that could effectively wreck the operation of both Chinese services for U.S. users.

TikTok won't face the most drastic sanctions until after the Nov. 3 election, but WeChat users could feel the effects as early as Sunday.

The order, which cited national security and data privacy concerns, follows weeks of dealmaking over the video-sharing service TikTok. President Donald Trump has pressured the app's Chinese owner to sell TikTok's U.S. operations to a domestic company to satisfy U.S. concerns over TikTok's data collection and related issues.

California tech giant Oracle recently struck a deal with TikTok along those lines, although details remain foggy and the administration is still reviewing it. Trump said Friday said he was open to a deal, noting that "we have some great options and maybe we can keep a lot of people happy," suggesting that even Microsoft, which said its TikTok bid had been rejected, might continue to be involved, as well as Oracle and Walmart.

Trump noted that TikTok was "very, very popular," that "we have to have the total security from China," and that "we can do a combination of both."

The new order puts pressure on TikTok's owner, ByteDance, to make further concessions, said James Lewis of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Trump had said this week that he does not like the idea of ByteDance keeping majority control of TikTok.

TikTok expressed "disappointment" over the move and said it would continue to challenge President Donald Trump's "unjust executive order."

NEW IN BUSINESS

Alpha Resources doubles building footprint

STEVENSVILLE — Alpha Resources LLC, a manufacturer of aftermarket consumables and certified reference materials, is in the beginning stages of expanding its manufacturing production.

The proposed expansion would add 30,000 square feet of space.

"This building is Alpha Resources' third manufacturing space in Southwest Michigan. Initially, this new space will house several lines of specialized production to help meet current demands for consumable products," Ken Mantei, director of operations, said in a news release. "We are excited about the growth opportunities the new space brings. With the production configuration changes we can make in the new building, we will be able to create more efficient manufacturing flow for existing Alpha Resources products. This will also allow us space for future product expansions."

Alpha Resources' headquarters and ceramics plant are located at 3090 Johnson Road in Stevensville. Alpha Resources will maintain its current headquarters and expand the on-site laboratory.

The expansion will be done over the next 18 months. The company also expects to add several manufacturing positions.

Michigan Works expanding in Cass County

BENTON HARBOR — Michigan Works Berrien, Cass, Van Buren will close the doors to its Dowagiac office on Oct. 1 and expand to three other locations throughout Cass County.

Michigan Works expanded its services inside the Niles Southwestern Michigan College administration building and will soon be seeing individuals at the Cass County Department of Health and Human Services building and the Dowagiac Public Library.

Both the Dowagiac Public Library and the Cass County DHHS locations will soon be available as the Dowagiac library is undergoing renovations and DHHS is not open to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All Michigan Works Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren sites including Benton Harbor, Paw Paw and SMC Niles, are currently closed for walk-in services and are providing services remotely or by appointment. To schedule a phone or in-person appointment visit www.miworks.org or call 800-285--9675.

Does your business need licenses and permits?

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Many types of small businesses (though not all), need some sort of license or permit to operate.

These licenses can come from a federal, state, or local agencies – or, in some cases, all three.

Getting a business off the ground is overwhelming as it is, and the work that goes into understanding which licenses are necessary can feel daunting.

If you're an owner feeling this pain, you're not alone. Here are several resources you can use to find out if your business needs a license or permit before you launch.

Take your lead from the U.S. Small Business Association when determining license and permit requirements.

A good first step toward understanding your business' license and permit requirements is to consult the U.S. Small Business Association or SBA.

The SBA offers an easy-to-follow guide for business owners looking to understand these requirements before opening their doors. You can read more on the Apply for Licenses and Permits page of the SBA website.

According to SCORE mentor Hal Shelton, who is also a member of the SCORE Board of Directors, obtaining the proper licenses is a critical part of starting any business.

"If you do not have the required paperwork, the governing jurisdiction can shut you down," Shelton said. "In most cases, required licenses/permits are for citizen protection so they are deemed important. Other documentation is needed to identify you and your business so your payment of sales, local, income and other taxes can be tracked."

The type of business you operate is going to dictate the licenses you need. There's no one-size-fits-all solution.

If your plans include serving food, transporting agriculture, operating an aircraft, engaging with any type of wildlife, or any other number of large-scale activities, you'll need to work directly with one or more of the federal agencies that oversee these and other industries.

In other cases, local retail shops may only need to work with their state and local agencies to apply for and secure a permit or license to start their business.

Regardless of the business you're starting, it's best to check the licensing requirements at the federal, state and local levels. Doing your due diligence now to ensure you have the licenses you need is the best way to avoid legal issues or even the shut-down of your business down the road.

"Start early to find which licenses apply to you, what you have to do to qualify, and how long the process takes – it usually takes longer than you anticipate," Shelton said. "For example, to register your company and its trade name at the state could take 60 days if you do not want to pay expediting fees. To gain zoning clearance might take up to a year if there is some contention and hearings are required. Create an action time-line so all permits and licenses are obtained by the time you want to open your business."

Once you receive your licenses and permits, keep them organized with the SCORE License and Permit Process Template. You can use this template to keep track of and manage all Federal, State and Local licenses and ensure your business is operating legally at all times.

Seek support from trusted colleagues and partners in your industry as you do your research.

Use your network to your advantage and seek guidance from colleagues or partners experienced with business licensing. If you have a trusted industry partner who understands the licensing needs for your specific business-type, they may be able to point you in the right direction.

Working with a professional experienced in obtaining and maintaining a business license, like a SCORE mentor, is one of the best ways to get started. A SCORE mentor will direct you to the right resources to get the licenses your business needs and help you through the application process.

hp OUTDOORS

Skipping around on Lloyd's Bayou

Dave Mull

Wednesday morning about 9 a.m., I'm under a pier on Lloyd's Bayou, my butt planted on the bottom in about 8 inches of water, wearing my kayaker drysuit. A guy on the front platform of a Tracker bass boat is casting under said pier, skipping his lure low and hard, trying to hit me.

I had asked him to.

I was shooting away with my camera as I sat in the cool water, trying to capture a picture of a 5-inch Senko skipping towards me.

Kyle VanLeuven of Sparta was the caster and the point of this operation was to get photos for a magazine story I'm working on about casting for bass under piers. The best shot I got is the one with this column.

Photo provided / Dave Mull

Kyle VanLeuven of Sparta skips a plastic worm at the photographer, Dave Mull, who is seated in 8 inches of water on Lloyd's Bayou.

Lloyd's Bayou, off the Grand River near Grand Haven, is about 300 acres of water and a favorite lake for bass anglers. I've fished in a couple of kayak tournaments there and been out on it for fun a couple of other times. The bayou has lots of resident bass, and is also known for producing crappies and bluegills. In fact, we watched a trio of anglers in a boat that hovered near the end of a pier catch bluegill after bluegill.

"That pier also can hold lots of big crappies," commented Kyle as we fished the rip rap shoreline and watched the trio. "I caught several skipping under that pier in a bass tournament. I was using a Ned Rig."

The magazine story was about skipping piers, so, after I'd shot dozens of pictures of Kyle throwing a lure at me, we spent most of the morning doing just that. Kyle is good at skipping, having won and placed in several kayak contests by catching good-size bass from under and around docks. He uses a Senko, a straight, 5-inch plastic worm, on spinning gear, his reel spooled with green, 30-pound braided line – tough enough line to pull hooked bass out of their manmade shelters.

But either the bass weren't under the piers or they just weren't taking our lures. We didn't even catch any small bass with our soft plastics. While Kyle continued with a Senko, I threw a 2.75-inch plastic worm on a 1/16-ounce jighead. This little Ned Rig finally started to score when we reached the bayou's narrow outlet, which runs under a footbridge and into the Grand River. I caught two largemouths about 8 inches long each on consecutive casts. After releasing those I took another coupe casts and hooked what felt like a better bass. After lipping the chunky 15-incher from the boat's rear platform and starting to remove the hook, Kyle caught one on the Senko, a slightly smaller keeper.

We put the larger bass in the livewell for pictures later and continued to fish out into the Grand for a bit, finally adding more photos to the pier-skipping manuscript. I took them of Kyle holding the bass, in front of a pier lined with pontoons. I lightly hooked a Senko hanging out of the fish's mouth. It was a re-creation of actual events.

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FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Water temperatures around the pierheads were still on the warm side.

Boat anglers targeting salmon reported slow fishing for the most part. A few did manage to catch a couple trout and salmon, but they were fishing very deep. Pier fishing was also slow, with only a couple fish taken on spoons. There was very little perch effort.

St. Joseph River: Berrien Springs had a good run of coho, with increasing numbers of steelhead and a few Chinook in the mix. Though fishing was slow, a decent number of these fish should be moving through Buchanan and Niles this week.

South Haven: Boat anglers were fishing south of the piers in 55 feet. Lake trout were found in 80 feet, but windy conditions have kept anglers off the lake. Perch fishing was slow. Pier anglers targeting salmon caught a few when casting spoons.

Black River: Those trolling for salmon reported slow catch rates.

Holland: Pier anglers casting for Chinook salmon reported slow catch rates. A few freshwater drum were caught on glow spoons.

– Michigan DNR, Sept. 16

Sarett Nature Center

Family nature adventures: Arrange for your own family visit to Sarett in a safe, private way. No need to worry about social distancing from other participants. Call 927-4832 to register.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Dog Days of Summer: 8-10 a.m. Saturdays through the end of October. Fernwood members – bring your canine for a walk. No registration required.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

September: Register from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 22. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 24 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 26.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

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I found the steal of the week

Andy Steinke

I have a hard time passing up a good deal, whether I need it or not. I'm not sure if it's the thrifter or the German in me who wants to see my dollar stretch.

This week, I was scanning Facebook Marketplace (as any good thrifter is wont to do) when I spotted a great deal: a set of cast iron bench legs complete with decorative backrest for only $20. Score!

When I say complete, of course, I mean sans wood. That's usually how I find my bench legs, sans usable wood. Because when the weathered wood bench rots out from neglect, people don't often take the time to replace it. They just sell the bench to people like me.

I've been ISO (in search of) a few things on Marketplace, Craigslist and Nextdoor recently (come on, small matching end tables), but more bench parts wasn't one of them.

I had just finished restoring, and selling, a cast iron bench because my wife wouldn't let me keep another one.

"We don't have any more room in the backyard," she tells me.

But this set was the steal of the week, so I had to buy it.

"There have been dozens of people asking for it," the seller messaged me, making sure I was still coming to pick up the pieces Wednesday, "but I am holding it for you."

As a frequent buyer and seller of used wares, I know that internet etiquette calls for FCFS (first come first served), which is sometimes complicated when the items are POOS (posted on other sites).

I've missed out on plenty of great deals by being second to the party (I'd rather light my shorts on fire than settle for "next"), but this time I was the first "interested" responder.

In the age of COVID-19, contactless PPU (porch pick up) has grown in popularity. For this sale, we completed a contactless, socially distanced garage pick up (take that, coronavirus).

This guy was nice enough, but when you buy things from people on the internet, you'll often come away with interesting stories.

One time, I drove to Grand Junction to buy a used elliptical. I came home with an elliptical and a case of barbecue sauce. Not a bottle. A case. The guy worked for Heinz and had more than he knew what to do with. Now I know how he felt.

Another time, I bought so many antique street pavers – culled from the streets of Kalamazoo – that I broke an axle on my brother's trailer just a few hundred yards from the end of the seller's driveway (sorry, Tim).

But isn't that really the best part of the chase, the stories you get to tell – whether they're about the deal of the day or the person you bought it from?

I guess I'll have to finish up that cedar chest on my work bench so I can make room for another project. I hope I don't find any more deals in the meantime.

It'll be hard, though, there's a garage sale across the street calling my name.

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A 'Harvest of Plenty'

Norris Arent details family's history in Berrien County in new book

By ANDY STEINKE
HP Features Editor

On the second to last page of Norris Arent's new book, he admits that he can't think of anything spectacular he's done in his life.

As if publishing a memoir wasn't noteworthy enough, the book, "Harvest of Plenty," details his long life and the sacrifices he has made for the betterment of his family.

"I hope I taught my own kids that family is the most important thing," he wrote, "because it sure was for me."

Norris, who turned 96 on Friday, was born in 1924. He was the firstborn of eight children to Samuel and Dorothy Arent, who bought a fruit farm on Hill Road in Coloma.

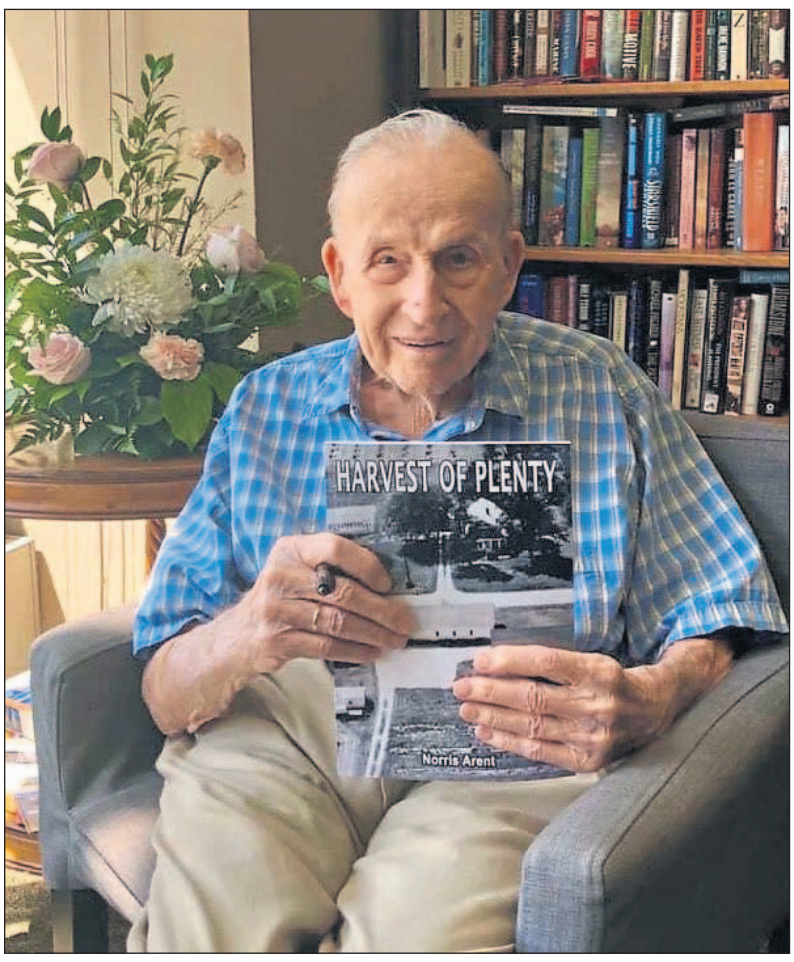
The farm was filled with peach, apple and cherry orchards, and the kids were expected to help – from planting to picking to sorting.

When Norris was just 15, the family dynamic suddenly changed.

"Dad had received treatment for cancer earlier and the doctors thought he was cured, but it returned," Norris wrote. "Dad was bedridden for a while and on medication for the pain, and he died at the age of 47. So Ma was left with eight children."

From then on, Norris was his mom's right-hand man, helping keep the farm operational.

"Between her and me, we ran that 40-acre farm," Norris said via Zoom from his room at The Whitcomb Senior Living Community in St. Joseph. "Some people at the time, they thought we should've rented the farm out, but I guess my mom changed their minds."



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Norris Arent holds a copy of his book, "Harvest of Plenty."

Norris graduated high school at 16, and could've gone to Michigan State University on a scholarship. But after a three-month program at the school, he chose to return home to help his mom.

In 1951, just weeks before his 26th birthday, the family dynamic changed again. Dorothy had high blood pressure, something she could've been given medicine for these days. She went to her room that Sept. 1 to rest, and she never woke up.

Now orphaned, the children could've been broken apart, with the youngest siblings going to foster homes, but Norris wouldn't let that happen. He went to court to seek guardianship of his brother, Wes, and sister, Marilyn.

"I said at the time, 'I'm not looking for any woman,'" he said. "'I'm going to get those two kids through high school at least.'"

That's exactly what he did.

"When Thanksgiving came around (in 1951), I had one brother married at that time," Norris said. "And we decided then that for Thanksgiving we would keep Thanksgiving open (for our family). You could go to your (in-laws) on Christmas."

It's a tradition that has continued since.

In 1955, Norris met the woman who would later become his wife, Margaret Miller, while at a church camp in Buchanan with Wes and Marilyn.

Norris and Margaret hit it off, and they were married the next year. They had three children, Beverly, Donald and William, and Norris continued to farm.

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The U.S. Marine Corp's Iwo Jima Memorial can be seen as the sun begins to rise behind the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument on Veterans Day in 2019 in Arlington, Va.

COVID-19 compared to past crises

Historians weigh in on the similarities and differences to other major events

By NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

Already, COVID-19 has killed more people than World War I and Vietnam – combined.

Coronavirus has pushed the unemployment rate to levels not seen since the Great Depression.

A national poll shows historic levels of unhappiness.

Six months into the COVID-19 pandemic, there's little question that the virus many of us hadn't even heard of in January has upended American life, but just how bad is the damage?

A half-dozen experts had a wide range of answers, with several saying COVID-19 is in the same league as national crises such as the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, the Great Depression of the 1930s, World War II, polio, the Vietnam War and the oil shortages of the 1970s.

Chicago historian Rich Lindberg went further, saying COVID-19 might be a more severe crisis than World War II, when at least the country was united and the struggle was infused with meaning.

Partisan division is at perhaps its highest level since the Civil War, he said, with extremism on both sides, a lack of faith in public institutions and a looming sense of dread.

"We have the attitude, 'What's next?'" Lindberg said. "Instead of saying everything's going to settle down and be good and quiet and back to normal, we say, 'What's next?' because there's a feeling that something new and horrible – that might even be worse than what we've seen – may be coming down the road."

At the other end of the spectrum is DePaul University history professor Tom Mockaitis, who says COVID-19 has not risen to the level of a top-tier national crisis.

"It's nowhere near as bad," he said. "It doesn't even come close, so far, to the pandemic of 1918-1919. It's not even within waving distance of World War II."

Nearly 200,000 people have died of COVID-19 in the U.S., compared with 405,000 American service members who died in World War II and 675,000 Americans who died in the Spanish flu epidemic – 195,000 in October 1918 alone.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, up to 25 percent of Americans were out of work, and at first there was no unemployment insurance.

Unemployment spiked to 15 percent in April of this year, a level not seen since the Great Depression. In August it was at 8 percent, comparable to rates seen after the financial crisis of 2008.

But COVID-19 presents some unique challenges.

While political division was a major feature of the Vietnam War, historians struggled to name another crisis in which the central problem – as described by government experts – was dismissed as a hoax by a broad segment of the electorate.

The country is profoundly divided, with conservatives saying liberal cities are dissolving into violence and chaos.

Meanwhile, wildfires burn out of control in California, and parents struggle to balance full-time jobs and the in-home education of their children.

"The pandemic crisis is arguably worse (than previous crises) because of the context of so many overlapping crises unfolding at the same time," said Michael Sherry, a professor emeritus of history at Northwestern University.

One measure of how severely COVID-19 is affecting us is found in opinion polls.

In June, a survey from NORC at the University of Chicago found happiness has dipped to its lowest level in five decades. Just 14 percent of Americans said they were very happy, down from 31 percent in 2018.

A Gallup Poll conducted over 12 years has found an unprecedented increase in worry and stress in the past year.

During the 2008 recession, worry and stress went up only 3 to 5 percentage points. But between last

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COVID-19 baby boom might be a bust

By BETHANY AO
The Philadelphia Inquirer

When stay-at-home orders were announced in the spring, some people wryly speculated about a COVID-19 baby boom.

Social media users even came up with a few suggestions for what this new generation should be called – "coronials" to start, followed by "quaranteens," being two popular ideas.

But as COVID-19 drags on, economists and epidemiologists don't really know how the pandemic will affect birth rates. While some forecast a loss of up to half a million births due to job losses and anxiety about public health, others say other factors unique to the pandemic complicate the situation.

In June, Brookings, a public policy nonprofit, published a report that predicted a decline of 300,000 to 500,000 births as a result of the pandemic.

To arrive at that number, researchers looked at how birth rates were affected after the Great Recession of 2008, which led to a 9 percent drop in births over the next four years, and the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, which resulted in a 12.5 percent decline.

Phillip Levine, a co-author of the report, said the theory that birth rates will go up as a result of the pandemic is inconsistent with the economics of fertility.

"We decided to investigate and draw our own conclusions," said Levine, an economics professor at Wellesley College. "We concluded the exact opposite. ... The main takeaway we should be expecting out of this is a significant decline in the number of births next year."

One could argue that COVID-19 will result in an even bigger decline in births than that after the 1918 pandemic, Levine said.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

These four love bugs are ready for forever homes. Abandoned at just 3 days old, they have been bottle-fed and are now 7 weeks old. Sweet and cuddly, they love to play and climb up their cat tree. Raised with dogs, they are litter-trained, and their shots start soon. To submit an adoption application, visit www.sevenstarrescue.org or leave message at 588-0470.

BAZAARS

HARTFORD: Van Buren County Museum, 58471 Red Arrow Highway, will host a community yard sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today. Ten-by-10-foot spaces are available for rent for $20. Payment is due today. Sellers must bring their own tables, chairs and canopies. The museum is seeking sellers who have typical yard sale items, crafts, antiques, small farm tools and more. There won't be food on site to buy. The rain date will be Sept. 26. The museum will be open for viewing during the sale.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows will be published Saturdays. Nonprofits that want to be included should email a news release at least two weeks in advance of their event to focus@TheHP.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Closet of Hope

Baroda Bible Church is seeking volunteers to help in its food pantry and "Closet of Hope," which help those in need.

The pantry and closet are open from 5-6 p.m. Mondays and 10-11 a.m. Thursday and Saturdays.

The church needs volunteers to help sort donations and run the closet.

For more information, call 422-1731.

Rake a Difference

On Nov. 12, United Way will hold its 10th annual "Rake a Difference – A Day of Action for Seniors."

Hundreds of Southwest Michigan volunteers will give senior citizens a helping hand by raking leaves and cleaning gutters before winter hits.

Many area seniors try to accomplish the work on their own, putting them at risk of falling and serious injury.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help those in need

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency is hosting a special food distribution drive-thru at its warehouse on Sept. 30.

SMCAA is seeking volunteers to help distribute food. Volunteers need to sign up by Sept. 25, and must be at least 18 years old.

SMCAA helps those in the community who need assistance. It advocates for struggling individuals, providing them with a variety of programs and opportunities.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Make a difference in a youth's life

Youth Development Company/PAL is seeking volunteer tutors for its After School Experience. Volunteers should have a passion for working with children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Those who have an hour to help children with homework, tutor or lend an empathetic ear to someone who maybe just had a rough day are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit **volunteer.uwsm.org.**

Help foster families

Foster Closet of Michigan – Berrien County provides free items to foster families and children. The items help rebuild foster children's lives by giving them something to call their own, and it helps relieve some of the financial strain on foster parents. Volunteers are needed to help open the closet's doors to the public. The closet is open twice a week for two hours.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Volunteers will provide a warm, friendly greeting to all donors, instruct and help with registration, explain the importance of blood donations, help schedule appointments, screen blood donors for health concerns, and offer refreshments and conversation.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help protect health

The Berrien County Health Department needs support as it brings back services. The department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor office.

The station also provides face masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain social distancing and PPE will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

Take the week to consider how to prevent falls

Lynn Kellogg
Generations

My late husband was a role model for using common tools to prevent falls so we could focus on enjoying life rather than fearing falling and recovering from an injury.

Many people seem to think falling is a normal part of aging. It's not. Most falls can be prevented. We each have it within our power to reduce risk and move on.

Sept. 21-25 is Falls Prevention Awareness Week. Did you know that 25 percent of older Americans fall every year – and that falls are the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injuries for people older than 65?

A few common myths about falling are worth thinking about. For example, a common misnomer is thinking that if you limit activity, you won't fall. Ironically, this attitude actually increases the risk of falling.

A key to preventing falls is increasing strength, flexibility and balance. Doing so requires regular physical activity.

Formal classes like tai chi or gentle yoga are terrific, so is any regular exercise and stretching routine to maintain range of motion.

It's a myth that muscle strength and flexibility can't be regained. It's never too late to make a difference. Social activities are great, get moving.

Another false notion is that if you stay home, you're safer. Wrong. More than half of all falls occur at home.

What's important is taking a critical eye as to how the home is organized. A serious look at lighting, stairs, floors and bathrooms can reap huge rewards.

For example, we all need more light to see well as we age. Use bright bulbs and put in night lights at multiple locations. Night lights that cast a small light rather than glow provide more safety, but either will help. Battery-operated lights can help in areas without electricity. Put light switches at the top and bottom of stairways.

Floors need to be clutter free, rugs removed where possible, taped down where not, and cords or wires coiled out of the way.

Make sure carpet on stairs is firmly attached, or remove it to add non-slip treads. Repair loose or uneven steps, and think about having handrails on both sides if possible.

Handrails should be added on steps inside and outside the home wherever feasible, even little one or two step passages. Don't forget steps into the garage.

In the bathroom, handrails shift to grab bars. All tubs and showers should have grab bars, and replacing strategic towel bars with grab bars makes sense in many cases. Use rubber mats or self-stick strips in the tub or shower.

These alterations can be tastefully done, blend in well and serve all ages. Well-equipped homes actually increase in value and marketability.

Other fall prevention steps include getting a medical eye exam, and asking your doctor or pharmacist about possible drug effects on balance.

Don't be in denial with yourself or a loved one. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends asking yourself or someone you care about the following three questions. Have you fallen in the past year? Do you feel unsteady when standing or walking? Do you worry about falling?

If the answer to any of them is yes, talk to your doctor about it. Maybe they can help.

If it's not correctable, don't view using a walker or cane as making you more dependent. On the contrary, it'll likely make you more mobile.

My husband taught me that. He readily accepted a cane to steady balance and keep going. When distances became hard, he shifted to lightweight portable scooters.

Enjoying the outdoors together for decades, our last hike was him on a scooter, me alongside, enjoying the many paved trails in Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks. Thanks, honey.

For more information on falls prevention, visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org.

Lynn Kellogg is CEO of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

All these years later, God is still in control

Minnie Autry
Insights

Almost six years ago, I arrived for my new assignment at Union Memorial A.M.E. Church. It was my third time being in Benton Harbor and the church.

The first time I attended Union Memorial was in 1992, when I was accepted into the ministry. It was a time of wondrous joy as I praised God for this new and exciting journey in Christian ministry.

The second time was for the funeral of the Rev. Jared Graves, a fellow pastor in the Gospel. It was a very sad time for his family and those of us who knew him well.

The third time I arrived was as pastor. One of the officers in the church was none other than Carolyn Graves, Jared's mother. I had seen her many times at our annual conference, and in 2014, I had sat in front of her and asked her to watch my purse while I went to the altar for prayer.

The Rev. Roslyn Brookins, who had just preached the ordination service, touched me and asked if I was ready for the breath of God. Brookins blew, and I went down. The next thing I knew I was getting up from the floor.

Several months later at our planning meeting, the presiding bishop, John R. Bryant, assigned me to Union Memorial.

I've often said that that breath of God blew me all the way to Benton Harbor. My first Sunday to preach here was the first week in November, but I came in that Friday for a funeral.

The late Rev. Gloria Clark had been asked to give the eulogy. I just went to assist her. It was at that time I met some of the members and talked to Carolyn Graves concerning a few things at the church.

Carolyn moved to Virginia last year with her daughter and family after experiencing a sudden illness that was very debilitating, but she is doing much better now.

As I reflect on my years as pastor and friend to the congregations I've served, I cannot help but thank God for the pastoral assignments. I have pastored some great people – from Detroit to Jackson to Benton Harbor.

Truly only God could've set the plan in motion that brought my late husband and I from West Memphis, Ark., in the latter part of 1968, to Detroit. I know it was his divine plan when, years later, we walked into Bethel A.M.E. Church, a church where many famous Blacks had attended and stopped by to speak or preach the Good News.

It was there, every Sunday, our pastor had us recite Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me. I can do them in my home, my school, my church, we can do all things through him who gives us strength."

Those positive biblical words had a major impact on my life, and my family's life, too. We believed that with God on our side we could do all things. So when God called me into the ministry, I was overwhelmed, but when I told my husband, all he said was, "I don't doubt it!"

Wow! What a blessing to me for my husband to believe our God had spoken to me! And then to be licensed and ordained to preach, I never expected to pastor. But here I am. God is great, and worthy to be praised.

In August, we celebrated the Michigan Annual Conference virtually. It was the first time in our history that we weren't on site at one of our churches for the conference.

The conference is where pastors are given their first charge, reassigned or promoted. I am grateful for my reassignment to Union Memorial for what will be my last year in the active pastoral ministry.

God has been good! I haven't accomplished the things I wanted to do here, but hopefully I've dropped enough seeds that the next pastor assigned here can build upon the work we have started.

During the last six months, we, like other churches, haven't been in our sanctuary. But by the grace of God, through Zoom, YouTube and conference calls, we've continued to lift up the name of Jesus and stay in touch.

During these last few months, we've said goodbye to two great soldiers of the cross, John Wade Sr. and Sadie Leonard. They were members for 50-plus years and will be greatly missed. A few weeks ago, Herman Pollard Sr., who joined Union Memorial many years ago, passed away, and we are praying for his family.

Through all the ups and downs, we know "God is Still in Control." Thanks to our beloved member, Sister Alston, we adopted that from Psalm 46:10 as our motto a few years ago, and it reminds us daily that no matter what is going on in this world with COVID-19, politics and religion/Christianity, God is still in control! Keep praying.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Minnie Autry, pastor at Union Memorial A.M.E. Church. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has returned to in-person worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has returned to in-person services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It will continue to livestream services on Facebook and YouTube at 8 a.m. Sundays. The church's 10:30 a.m. Sept. 27 service will be outdoors in the open field next to the lower parking lot. Attendees should bring a chair or blanket. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 208-3844.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. For more information, visit www.peacelutheranstjoe.org. The church will continue to stream services on Facebook and YouTube.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, has returned to in-person, invitation-free worship services at 11:10 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 429-1985 or visit pilgrimstjoe.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page.

Three Oaks United Methodist Church's the Rev. Steve Shimek and his wife, Lillian Lewis, will continue a series of short courses on prayer from 10-11 a.m. Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3 at Dewey Cannon Park on East Maple Street in Three Oaks. The church will worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at Dewey Cannon Park. Attendees should bring a chair and a face mask. If raining, the service will be in the shelter at Carver Park.

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Lawn-sign virtue signaling is no help

Ben Shapiro

This week, America's West Coast found itself on fire. Millions of acres have burned across California, Oregon and Washington. The smoke clouds have been so immense that they have blotted out the sun in certain areas; air quality has been so poor that hundreds of thousands of people have been forced indoors.

There are several key reasons for the extent of these wildfires. Federal and state policies have been geared around stifling wildfires for decades, rather than allowing controlled burns to prevent accretion of flammable vegetation. As ProPublica reports, California alone saw the burning of 4.4 million to 11 million acres per year prehistorically; between 1999 and 2017, that number dropped to only 13,000 acres per year; in February 2020, Nature Sustainability concluded that California would need to burn some 20 million acres to restabilize in terms of fire. Meanwhile, even those who pursue controlled burns must jump through extraordinarily regulatory hoops to do so: The Clean Air Act treats smoke from controlled burns as a pollutant, for example.

Even California Gov. Gavin Newsom admitted to President Donald Trump that the state had botched its fire policy: "We have not done justice for our forest management." But that admission was the mere precursor to a more important point for Newsom: that climate change is truly to blame for the wildfires. "The science is in ... that climate change is real," Newsom lectured Trump.

In reality, climate change may have had some effect on the California wildfires, but that effect is entirely secondary in scope to the effect of bad policy. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the temperature in Southern California has increased approximately 3 degrees F over the past century. Since 1980, the temperature in California has increased less than 2 degrees F. Does climate change exacerbate dryness and heat? Of course. But fire policy was the chief failure here.

What's more, no matter what Trump believes on climate change, the science is clear: Nothing Trump could have done would have made a measurable impact on the climate between 2017 and 2020. In fact, if the entire United States were to cease carbon emissions today, the climate would be just 0.17 degrees C less hot by 2100.

Yet the media and Democrats suggested that the true story of the wildfires was indeed climate change. This theme was trumpeted by Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden first and foremost: Biden emerged from his basement long enough to stand before a field of waving grass and explain that Trump's unwillingness to signal proper concern about climate change would kill Americans. "We have four more years of Trump's climate denial," Biden gravely intoned. "How many suburbs will be burned in wildfires?"

The answer: exactly as many as would be burned with four years of Biden governance. But the point here isn't shaping public policy; it's shaping perception. Politics has become about the art of the lawn sign.

In California, there's one lawn sign that has become quite popular. It reads, "IN THIS HOUSE, WE BELIEVE: BLACK LIVES MATTER; WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS; NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL; SCIENCE IS REAL; LOVE IS LOVE; KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING." The sign is generally plunked in the front yard of a nice suburban home, where it acts as a sort of unearned symbol of virtue. The semantically overloaded tautologies are designed to act as a dissociation tactic from supposedly benighted fellow Americans who apparently *don't* believe "SCIENCE IS REAL" or that "KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING."

But, of course, the sign conveys nothing beyond a self-congratulatory insistence that the sign owner is a better human than other humans. By phrases like "SCIENCE IS REAL," the sign owner conveys that if you attribute California wildfires to anything beyond Trumpian evil and climate change, you deny science. Which is anti-scientific, of course.

But it's effective. That's why New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo tweeted, "Science knows" (cynics might point out that science suggests shipping COVID-19-positive seniors into nursing homes is idiotic). That's why Dr. Jill Biden tweeted, "#VoteForScience" (cynics might ask whether she believes a woman can become a man). By portraying your lack of a political program as entirely irrelevant to the *broader* question of Science Denial, you can avoid the hard conversations politics was intended to address.

Lawn signs don't solve problems. But they do make us feel good. Which is what politics are supposed to achieve nowadays in the absence of actual solutions. Perhaps at some point we might ask why politics make us feel so rotten these days.

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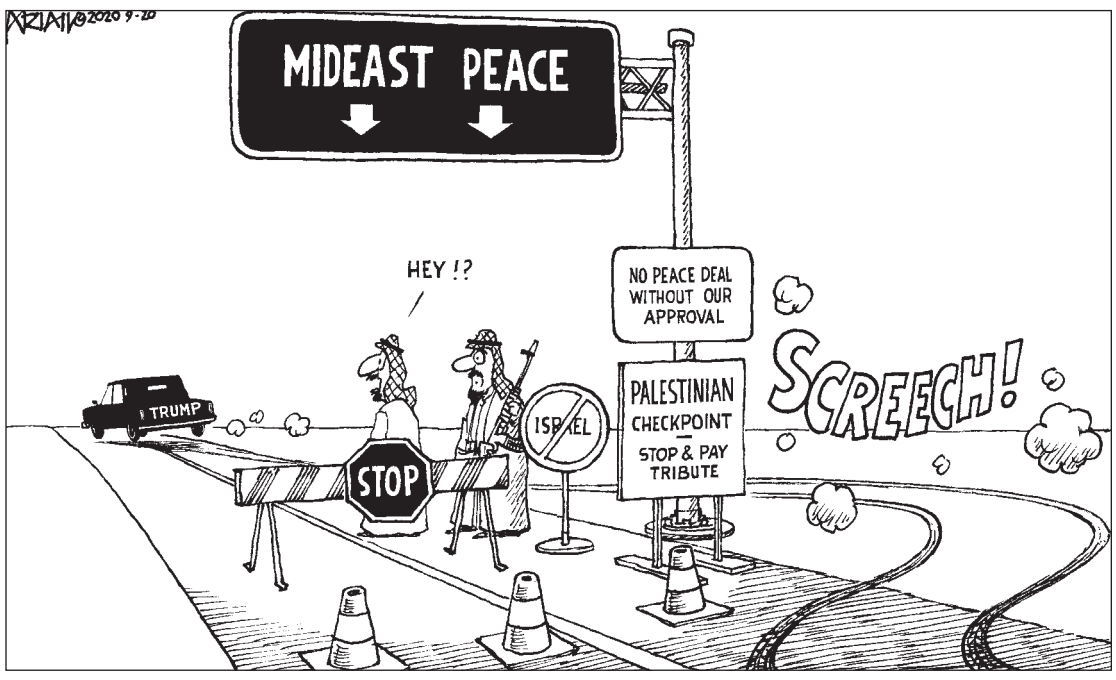
Trump deserves credit for peace deals

Jonah Goldberg



By any conventional or historical measure, the recent breakthrough between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain is a good thing, and the Trump administration deserves its share of praise for it. The refusal of much of the media to take this moment seriously only lends credibility to President Trump's complaints that the media is out to get him. Who does that serve?

Just give Trump his due. This happened on his watch. He helped it happen. And if he were any other president, the media would have acknowledged, perhaps still grudgingly, that this is – or at least could be – a very big deal.

More importantly, whatever your view of Trump (readers know I'm not a fan), reducing what's happening in the Middle East to a pro-Trump or anti-Trump narrative is myopic. Much like his 2016 presidential run, Trump's 2020 Middle East success is a product of timing. Trump couldn't have won the nomination in 2012 or any of the other years he flirted with running. Similarly, the Abraham Accords couldn't have been achieved four or eight years ago because conditions weren't ripe for it.

Historically speaking, a lot of credit goes to Barack Obama. In much the same way that Neville Chamberlain and his policy of appeasement were partly responsible for WWII, Obama's disastrous Iran deal led the Arab world to reevaluate its priorities. Shia Iran wants to dominate the Sunni-majority Middle East. Saudi Arabia fears that the Iranians want to be the caretaker of the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, both of which are located in Saudi Arabia.

Obama's gift to Iran of piles of money and a path to a nuclear weapon was perceived as a betrayal of existential proportions not only by the Saudis and Israelis, but by the smaller Arab states such as the UAE and Bahrain as well. When the U.S. essentially greenlights Iranian hegemony in the region, Israel – Iran's mortal enemy – looks more like a potential ally to Iran's regional rivals.

But Obama did something positive, too. He didn't stop the U.S. oil industry's technological revolution, which led to America becoming the world's largest oil producer. Note: I didn't say Obama is responsible for the oil boom, merely that he didn't stop it. Both Obama and Trump have tried to take credit for something that mostly just happened on their watch.

It took a long time for the Middle East to lose its stranglehold on the global oil supply – and its ability to set prices at will. But once it happened, the politics and economics of the region were bound to change.

The clearest sign of that was the rise to power of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. He saw the writing on the wall that the Saudis needed to diversify their economy and join the global economy as something more than a fuel depot – not just for the survival of Saudi prosperity, but for the survival of the ruling family.

In this context, the plight of the Palestinians was bound to become less of a priority. For generations, Arab governments used the Palestinians as propaganda tools for their own cynical ends. By focusing popular anger at Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, they took attention away from their own failures. That the Palestinians have always been plagued by terrible leaders – many of whom have served as pawns of the Iranians – made it easy for Arab governments to abandon them the moment they ceased being useful.

There are plenty of other factors. For instance, whatever you think of the Iraq War, it achieved its primary aim: the removal of Saddam Hussein from power. Iraq is no huge success story today, but Saddam's removal cleared an important roadblock to normalization of Israel in the region.

And of course there's Israel itself. The tiny nation has shaken off the socialist doldrums to become a technological powerhouse and an innovation hub in the global economy. If you want a post-petrodollar economy, Israel is more useful as a trading partner than as a symbolic foe.

All of these currents led to the signing ceremony this week. Reading the actual agreements, which are light on detail, one might be tempted to say the accords are more symbolic than substantive. But in the Middle East, symbolism is important.

Trump, as is his wont, would have the world believe this rapprochement is the singular product of his deal-making genius. It's not. But it's an example of a president seizing on a propitious moment to chalk up an important win. And that's good enough.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Secure borders and compassion

A great nation must have secure borders.

A great democracy must embrace liberty and human rights.

In 1933, the year that Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany, Albert Einstein helped create the International Rescue Committee. Twelve years later, at the end of World War II, there were tens of millions of refugees displaced in Europe whose lives the IRC helped rebuild amid the rubble.

Examine any decade since the IRC's noble founding and you will find that, somewhere in the world, people were fleeing war or political persecution based on their religion, ethnicity or political ideology.

You will also find American leadership extending a hand to those desperate, vulnerable people.

President Harry Truman signed the first Displaced Persons Act in 1948, resulting in the resettlement of almost 500,000 refugees in the United States before he left office in 1953.

President John Kennedy assisted Cubans fleeing Fidel Castro.

President Jimmy Carter established the Refugee Act of 1980.

President Ronald Reagan brought hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees to American shores. Reagan vowed that "We shall also, with other countries, continue to share in the responsibility of welcoming and resettling those who flee oppression."

America is the land of opportunity and we have a right to be choosy about the people we want to live here.

We are also the land that, more than any other, welcomes the oppressed and those yearning to be free.

Over the past three years, the U.S. has lowered the cap on the number of refugees admitted to the United States. At 18,000 this year – a 40 percent drop from last year and a 79 percent drop from 85,000 in 2016 – it is the lowest level since the program began 40 years ago.

This is coinciding with the greatest refugee crisis since 1945. According to the United Nations, almost 80 million people worldwide – more than double the number a decade ago – have been forcibly displaced. This includes almost 30 million refugees, half of whom are under the age of 18.

We can't take them all. But we can do better. As President Reagan noted, welcoming the oppressed is not the same as an open-border immigration policy. Refugee policy is managed.

We can protect our borders and reach out to those who, like our ancestors, wish to come here to be free. We can do both.

– Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

LETTERS

Don't let your voice be silenced

Editor,

I don't have anything new to say. It has all been said before. So why bother to write an editorial? Because every single one of us has our own editorial worth expressing. Whether you send it to a newspaper, tell a friend, or post on social media, you have something to say.

My editorial includes what I stand for: healthcare for all because it is a human right; accessible reproductive healthcare including abortion care because, simply put, it is healthcare; health, well-being and life expectancy that doesn't depend on your zip code; black lives matter – isn't it about time we demonstrate that by making real change to systemic racism; help and a way out for those struggling financially because you can't budget your way out of poverty; life with dignity for seniors; quality childcare and education for all children; working together for the common good – this means wearing a mask to protect others; and facts determined by science not personal opinion.

My editorial is that we can and should do these things. It may not be easy, and we will make mistakes, but all are attainable if we keep marching forward and working for change. We can do better! Who will you choose to lead the march forward? If you don't vote, you are choosing to let others make your decision. You are saying their editorial matters, not yours.

Doris Higgins
Niles

Many COVID-19 deaths were preventable

Editor,

The United States is often cited as having one of the best health care systems. We also are considered the richest country and one that is known for innovation in everything we do. Bottom line: We are the leader and we should be proud.

So why hasn't that translated into a better situation concerning how we have handled the coronavirus? The U.S. represents 4 percent of the global population, yet we have incurred 21 percent of the global deaths due to the virus. If the death rate matched the population (4 percent) we should have only 36,000 deaths – not 190,000. You could argue, given our leadership position in the world, we should actually be lower than that. The number of deaths over 4 percent should be called preventable deaths. There are 154,000 preventable deaths (190,000-36,000) so far from COVID-19 in the U.S.

Compare to other significant events in our history based on information from the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Civil War: The North and South had 214,938 combined battle deaths.

World War I: The U.S. had 53,402 battle deaths.

World War II: The U.S. had 291,557 battle deaths.

Korean War: The U.S. had 33,739 battle deaths.

Vietnam War: The U.S. had 47,434 battle deaths.

The number of U.S. COVID-19 deaths exceed the combined battle deaths of World War I, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The number of deaths is likely to surpass the combined battle deaths of the North and South during the Civil War by election day. Generals are accountable in a war and if they had made errors in judgment resulting in four times the number of war casualties than should have happened, we would be outraged.

The amount of casualties in any one of these wars was significant and took a big toll on our country and especially the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Now, I understand there are some who call these brave citizens "losers" and "suckers" because they fought and died in a war and maybe they will refer to those who died from COVID-19 as "losers" and "suckers" as well because they lost their battle with the virus.

But that is not acceptable. It is time to honor those who fought the tough battle with COVID-19 and lost. We have lost 190,000 of our neighbors to this horrible pandemic and 156,000 were preventable. What number of lives lost is acceptable? 200,000, 250,000, 300,000? While they can't vote anymore, you can represent them with your vote.

The president is the one ultimately accountable in a national pandemic. Only a change at the top will help us leverage the strengths of this great country to prevent more loss of lives from this horrible pandemic.

Rich Vavra-Musser
Stevensville

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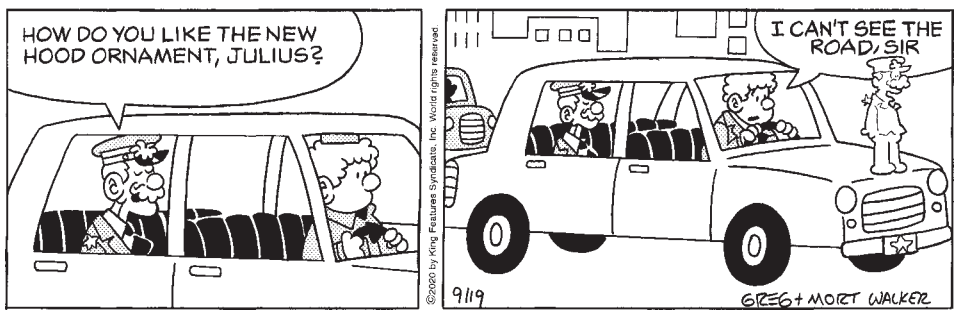
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW HOOD ORNAMENT, JULIUS?
I CAN'T SEE THE ROAD, SIR
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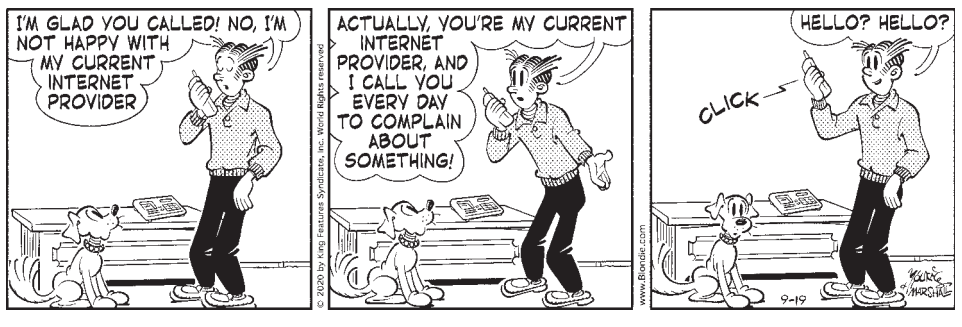
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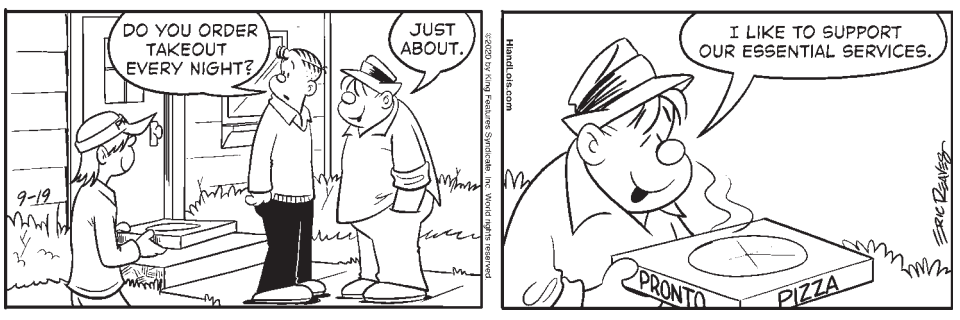

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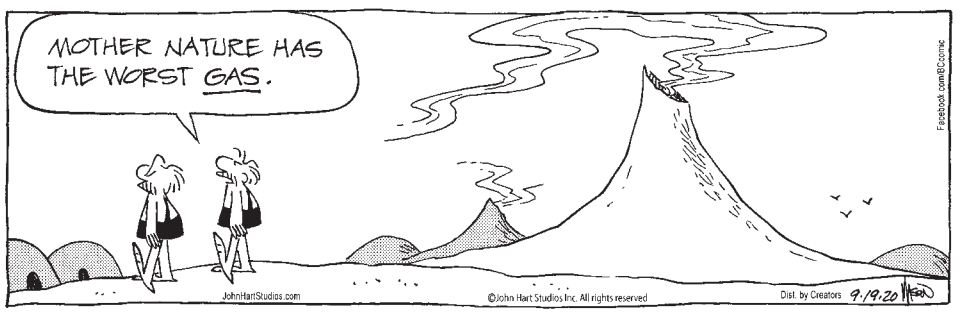

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I THINK IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR TEETH CLEANED, PHIL...
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DILBERT

ACCORDING TO MY EMPLOYEE TRACKER, YOU SPENT 45 MINUTES IN STALL FOUR OF THE MEN'S ROOM TODAY.
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I THOUGHT YOU SAID THE PURPOSE OF TRACKING US WAS TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING.
I THINK YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR BELIEVING IT.
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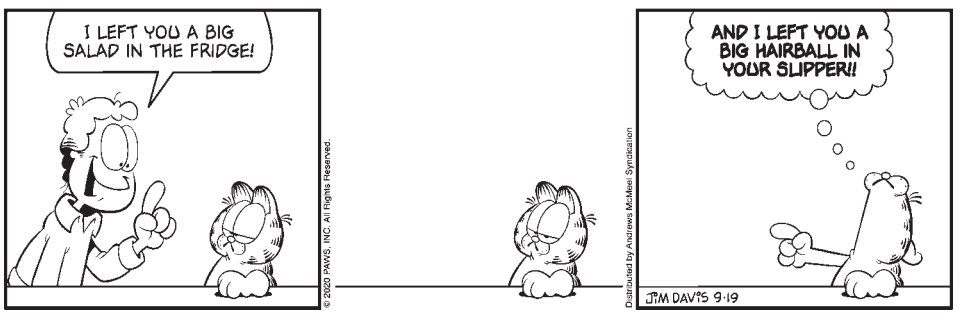
I LEFT YOU A BIG SALAD IN THE FRIDGE!
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AND I LEFT YOU A BIG HAIRBALL IN YOUR SLIPPER!!
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FORT KNOX

I'M USING MY INTELLIGENCE TO GUIDE MY INVESTING.
THAT'S GREAT, FRANK.
IF ALL GOES AS PLANNED, I SHOULD BE RICH VERY SOON.
WHAT DID YOU INVEST IN?
A NIGERIAN PRINCE.
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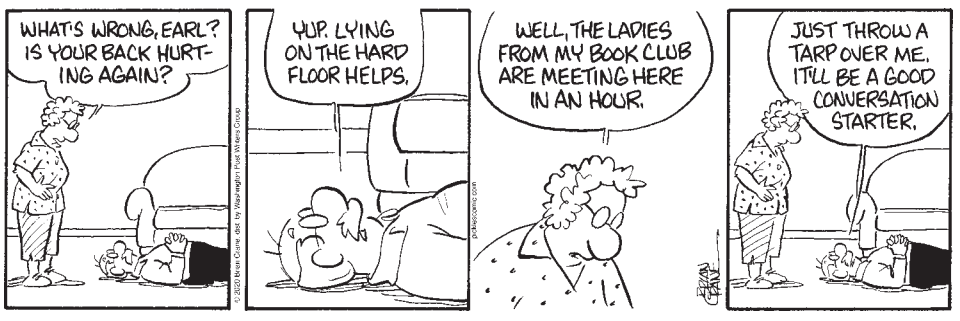
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YUP. LYING ON THE HARD FLOOR HELPS.
WELL, THE LADIES FROM MY BOOK CLUB ARE MEETING HERE IN AN HOUR.
JUST THROW A TARP OVER ME. IT'LL BE A GOOD CONVERSATION STARTER.
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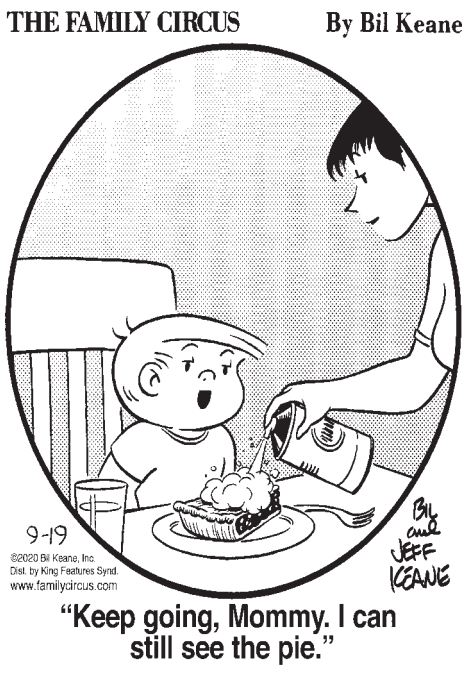

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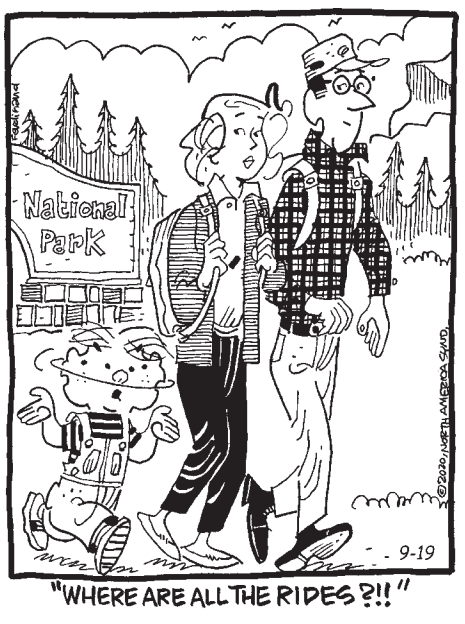

BABY BLUES

I'M AFRAID OF THE VACUUM CLEANER. I MUST BE PART DOG.
YEAH, RIGHT.
THERE'S MORE TO BEING A DOG THAN BEING AFRAID OF A VACUUM CLEANER.
WHY IS OUR SON BUTT-SCOOTING DOWN THE HALL?
HAMMIE!
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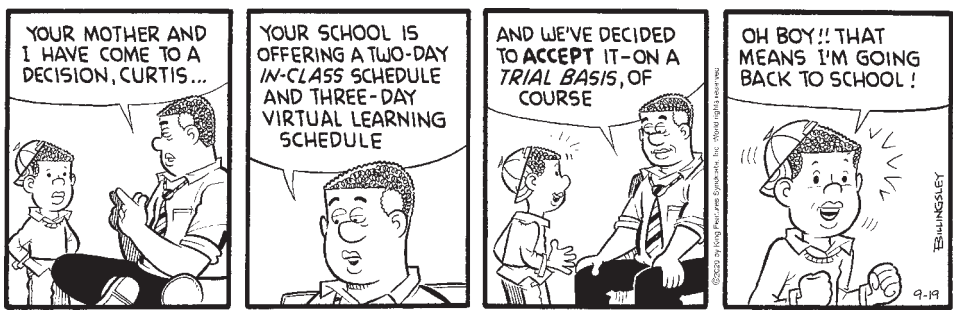
CURTIS


YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE COME TO A DECISION, CURTIS...
YOUR SCHOOL IS OFFERING A TWO-DAY IN-CLASS SCHEDULE AND THREE-DAY VIRTUAL LEARNING SCHEDULE
AND WE'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT IT-ON A TRIAL BASIS, OF COURSE
OH BOY!! THAT MEANS I'M GOING BACK TO SCHOOL!
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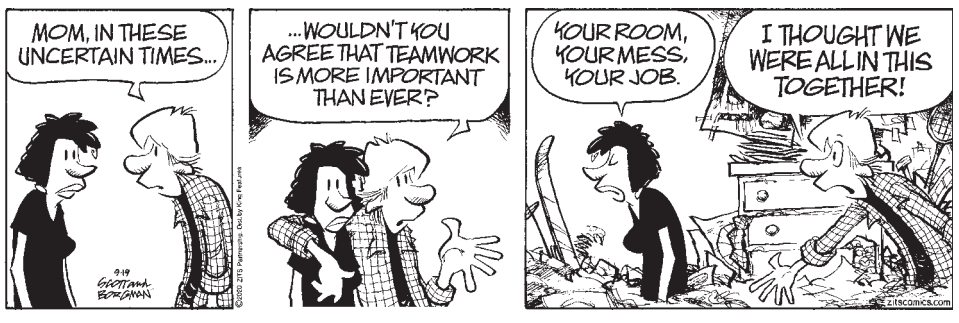
MOM, IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES...
...WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT TEAMWORK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER?
YOUR ROOM, YOUR MESS, YOUR JOB.
I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

I THINK YOU OVERTIPPED!
SOMEONE NEEDS TO HELP THEM AFFORD MORE CLOTHING!
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BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

THE SPECIAL TODAY, SENORITA, IS POLLO ELDORADO
MENU
PSST... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
A CHICKEN RUN OVER BY A CADILLAC
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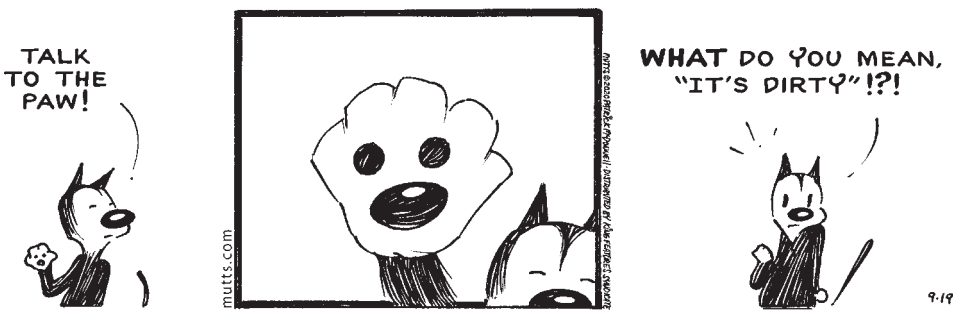

SALLY FORTH

SO, HOW DID THINGS GO AT THE STORE TODAY?
UGH. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
KEEFFE
HOW WERE THINGS BACK AT THE OFFICE?
UGH. LESS SAID THE BETTER.
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SOOOO... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
I HAVE A SONG IN MY HEAD, BUT I FORGOT BOTH THE TITLE AND THE LYRICS. WANT TO HEAR ME ARRHYTHMICALLY HUM IT FOR 20 MINUTES UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS?
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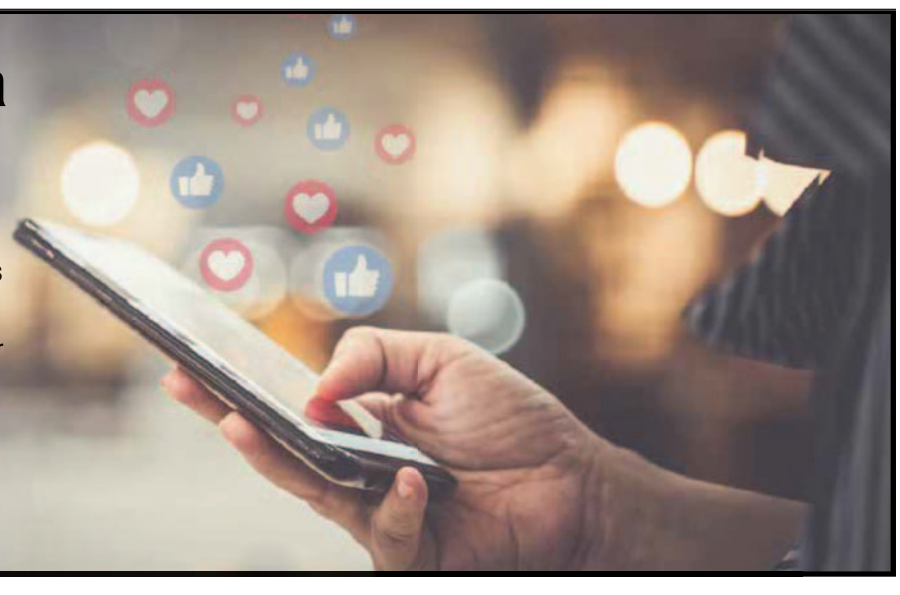

PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING SEP. 19

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	:37 **College Football** Teams TBA. (N) (L)						
CBS (2)(3)(22)	**News**	**Magnum P.I.** CC		**Love Island: More to Love** (N) CC		**48 Hours** (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	**NHL Hockey** New York Islanders vs Tampa Bay Lightning. Conference final action, Game 7. (If necessary).					**Saturday Night Live** (N) CC	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	:00 **MLB Baseball** (N) (L) CC					**Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N) CC	
PBS (34)	**Palace Secrets**	**Red, White and Rock (My Music)** Patriotic celebration of America. CC					**Neil Diamond**
CW (25)	**Big Bang Theory**	**Mike & Molly**	**Mike & Molly**	**Seinfeld** CC	**Seinfeld** CC	**News**	**Friends** CC
MNT (50)	**Graham Bensinger**	**Dateline** "Death of a Golden Girl" CC		**Dateline** "A Family's Story" CC		**Storm of Suspicion**	
WCIU (26)	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**
WHME (46)	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** "Fight or Flight"		**Murdoch Mysteries** "The Accident"		**Murdoch Mysteries** "The Talking Dead"	
WGN (9)	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**WGN Weekend News at Nine** (N)	
A&E	5:00 **Live Rescue**	**Live Rescue: Rewind** (N) CC		**Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 09.19.20" (N) CC			
AMC	★★ **Men in Black 3**	📽 ★★ **Bad Boys** ('95) Martin Lawrence. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence. CC					📽 **Bad Boys II**
Animal	**Pit Bulls**	**Pit Bulls-Parole**		**Pit Bulls-Parole**		**Dr. Jeff: Double**	
BET	**Takers**	📽 ★★ **The Hitman's Bodyguard** ('17) Ryan Reynolds. CC					
Big Ten	**Penn**	**Michigan State**		**Ohio State**		**Wisconsin**	
Bravo	6:30 📽 ★★ **Fifty Shades Darker** ('17) Dakota Johnson.			📽 ★ **Fifty Shades Freed** ('18, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. CC			
Cartoon	**Gumball**	**Dragon**	**Dragon**	**American**	**American**	**American**	**Rick**
Cinemax	**We Bought**	📽 ★★ **Big Top Pee-wee** ('88) Paul Reubens. CC			:25 📽 ★ **CHIPS** ('17) Michael Peña, Dax Shepard. CC		
CMT	📽 ★★★ **Big** ('88, Children's) Tom Hanks. CC					📽 **Caddyshack**	
CNBC	**Boss**	**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**	
CNN	**Newsr'm**	**CNN Newsroom** (N)		**CNN Newsroom** (N)		**Champions-Change**	
Comedy	:00 📽 ★★ **Vacation** ('15) Ed Helms.				:40 **South Park**		**South Pk**
Discovery	:00 **Dirty Jobs**	**Dirty Jobs** "Alligator Egg Collector" CC		**Dirty Jobs** "Wild Goose Chase" CC		**I Quit** "Partners in Conflict" (N) CC	
Disney	**Hotel 3**	**Big City**	**Amphibia**	**Amphibia**	**Owl Hse.**	**Big City**	**Big City**
DIY	**Maine**	**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**	
E!	:00 📽 ★★ **He's Just Not That Into You**				📽 ★★ **The Proposal** ('09)		
ESPN	**NBA Countdown** (N)	**NBA Basketball**					
ESPN2	**College Football** Louisiana Tech at Southern Mississippi. (N) (L)						**TBA**
ESPNC	**Baseball**	**MLB Baseball** From Oct. 6, 1978.				**MLB Baseball**	
Food	**Baking**	**Gingerbread**		**Gingerbread**		**Gingerbread**	
Fox News	**Life**	**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Jeanine**		**Greg Gutfeld**	
Fox Sports	**MLB Baseball:** Indians at Tigers			**Tigers Lv.**	**Tigers Lv.**	**Shogun Fights**	
Freefrm	:10 📽 ★★★ **Up** ('09, Children's) Voices of Ed Asner. CC			:15 📽 ★★★ **Ratatouille** ('07, Children's) Voices of Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. CC			
FX	**Hangover III**	📽 ★★ **X-Men: Apocalypse** ('16, Action) James McAvoy. Professor X and Raven battle the immortal mutant Apocalypse. CC					
Golf	**Live From the U.S. Open** (N) (L) CC				**LPGA Golf**		
Hallmark	:00 📽 **Love, Fall & Order** ('19) Erin Cahill. CC			📽 **Follow Me to Daisy Hills** ('20) Cindy Busby, Marshall Williams. (P). CC			
HBO	**Queen & Slim** ('19)	📽 ★★★ **The Invisible Man** ('20, Horror) Elisabeth Moss, Aldis Hodge. (P). CC				:05 **Lovecraft Country** "Strange Case"	
History	**Aliens**	**Ancient Aliens**		:02 **Ancient Aliens**		:05 **Ancient Aliens**	
HGTV	**Bones**	**Help-Wrecked**		**Hidden Potential** (N)		**Renovation Inc**	
Learning	**Darcey**	**Darcey & Stacey**		**Darcey & Stacey**		**Darcey & Stacey**	
Lifetime	6:00 📽 **Sinfidelity**	📽 **Secret Life of a Celebrity Surrogate** ('20) Carrie Wampler. (P). CC				:03 📽 **Sorority Secrets** ('20) CC	
MSNBC	**MSNBC**	**MSNBC Live** (N)		**MSNBC Live** (N)		**Rachel Maddow**	
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NBCSCH	**MLB Baseball**			**Postgame**	**Football**	**The Foundation**	
NFL	6:00 **NFL Football** CC			**NFL Super Stadiums** (N) CC			
Nick	**Loud**	**Dylan**	**Unfiltered**	**Group**	**Sponge.**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Drugs,**	**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Secret Mission**	
Oxygen	**Dateline: Secrets**	**Dateline: Secrets Uncovered** A woman is murdered in a home invasion. CC				**Dateline: Secrets Uncovered** CC	
Parmt	:00 📽 ★★★★ **Raiders of the Lost Ark**				**Indiana Jones-Last Crusade**		
Showtime	6:00 📽 ★★★ **Seabiscuit** ('03) CC		**The Journey**	**Boxing** Erickson Lubin vs. Terrell Gausha. (N Same-day Tape) CC			
Starz	6:31 📽 ★★★ **Panic Room** ('02)		:26 **Power Book II: Ghost** CC		:28 📽 ★★ **Bad Boys for Life** ('20, Action) Will Smith. CC		
STZENC	:12 📽 ★★★ **Edward Scissorhands** ('90) Johnny Depp.			📽 ★★ **What's Eating Gilbert Grape** ('93) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis. CC			
SyFy	6:05 📽 **Back to the Future Part II**		📽 ★★★ **Back to the Future Part III** ('90, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. CC				
TBS	:00 📽 ★★ **Shrek Forever After** ('10) Voices of Mike Myers.			**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**
TCM	**Sergeant York** ('41)	📽 ★★★ **Guys and Dolls** ('55) Marlon Brando. A gambler bets he can woo a Salvation Army missionary.					★ **Midnight Alibi**
TMC	📽 ★★★ **Cloverfield** ('08) Michael Stahl-David. CC			📽 **Redcon-1** ('18, Horror) Oris Erhuero, Carlos Gallardo, Mark Strange. CC			
TNT	**Star Wars**	📽 ★★★ **Star Wars: The Last Jedi** ('17) Mark Hamill.					
Travel	**Ghost**	**Ghost Adventures**		**Ghost Adventures** (N) CC			
TV Land	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**
USA	★ **Death Wish** ('18)	:15 📽 ★★ **San Andreas** ('15) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.					**Walking Tall** ('04)
VH1	**Movie** CC					📽 **New Jack City**	
WGN-A	:00 **Blue Bloods**	**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC	

Disruptive cousin unwelcome during weeklong family visit

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I and our children moved across the country away from our families three years ago. My 9-year-old daughter is extremely close to my mom and sister. Mom wants to take a road trip and spend a week with us. We are all excited, since we haven't seen them in a year. However, she wants to bring along my grandma and my younger cousin, who is 12.

My grandma has partial custody of my cousin. The girl had a rough upbringing, and I don't want her to come. She throws terrible temper tantrums, demands to be the center of attention and, when it doesn't happen, starts acting up. If that doesn't work, she will try to kiss people or make "jokes" about sex. I don't trust her around my daughters.

Mom hates controversy and turns a blind eye to the behavior. How can I get across that we want Mom and Grandma to come but to leave my cousin at home? – Proceeding With Caution

DEAR PROCEEDING: Say it in plain English as you have to me. You have a right to protect your daughters from what you perceive to be a bad influence.

You mentioned your grandmother shares custody of this girl. Perhaps Grandma can leave her with that person for a week. However, once you have drawn the line, be prepared for the possibility that your mother may cancel the trip.

DEAR ABBY: I am 53 and have been divorced for more than 10 years. While we were going through the divorce, my ex and I went to counseling. Unfortunately, it couldn't save our marriage. However, I learned a lot during those sessions about how to be a better partner because I recognized the mistakes I had made during my marriage.

I am currently dating a woman my age. When we disagree, I try my best to use what I learned. While I'm not perfect, I'm glad I have that foundation. The problem is, my girlfriend employs a lot of the bad behaviors from which I evolved. I see it clearly, but you can't teach someone during an argument. How do we get on the same page? We love each other, so it would be nice to fine-tune our adversity to make it healthy and productive. – Wanting Better In The East

DEAR WANTING: Communication is all-important in relationships, as is the ability to fight fair when disagreements arise. Wait until your lady friend is calm, then suggest the two of you seek couples counseling together. It will not only help you to make your relationship "healthier and more productive," it will also help the two of you grow closer by addressing any differences that might prevent it from developing further.

DEAR ABBY: One of my friends is a drama queen. Whenever things don't go the way she wants, she freaks out and makes a big deal out of everything. It makes the times we spend together hard, because my other friends and I are scared we'll start another fight with her. What can I do to make her stop making a big deal out of everything? – No More Drama Queen

DEAR NO MORE: Your friend may be high strung, or she may simply create drama in order to get attention. Understand that you can't "make" her stop doing it, but if you and your friends ignore her antics, she may tone it down when she realizes they aren't bringing the reaction she's looking for. If that doesn't work, stop including her as often.

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What's in a name?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: The other day I was in a store when a woman of a certain age tore into the checkout clerk (20-something male) when he called her "ma'am."

I thought the clerk was making an effort to be polite, but the woman reprimanded him for blatant sexism and ageism. I could tell the clerk was embarrassed but was so dumbstruck by her outburst that I couldn't find the words to intervene.

Would you have stepped into this if you'd been there? – What's In a Name?

DEAR WHAT'S IN A NAME?: I freeze like a headlit deer, but probably would have commiserated with the clerk afterward. Ugh.

Can anyone suggest a term of address for service exchanges that isn't a social land mine? I'll take "ma'am" over "young lady," which risks activating some people's punching mechanisms (not mine, of course), and if you call me "mom" I will let it slide if you're 23 and just trying to sell my kids new sports gear. Ideas?

From the gallery:

■ How many men are offended when a clerk calls them "sir"? None I know.

[True, but "sir" just says "male," not "male visibly past his youthful prime," like "ma'am" vs. "miss." – Carolyn]

■ "Ma'am" is a perfectly respectful way to address a customer.

■ People started calling me "young lady" when I got around 50, and I'm not having it. I have lived every one of my 50-plus years and earned the title of ma'am, so you'll get no giggles and jumpy-claps from me with that young-lady stuff.

[I just jumpy-clapped "jumpy claps." – Carolyn]

■ "Ma'am" is a 100-percent-correct way to address a woman you don't know. If anyone overreacts to that, chalk it up to her having a bad day. (I'd probably have frozen, too.)

■ I'm a 43-year-old woman and can't fathom how "ma'am" would be offensive to anyone.

■ "Young lady" will get your head snapped off, as will "honey," "sweetie" and "dear."

[Honeys, dears and sweeties can call me "honey," "dear" and "sweetie." – Carolyn]

■ I've lived in the deep South all my life, and always taken for granted that females from their late teens or so forward are "ma'am." Here it's not reserved for women "of a certain age."

[I prefer "vintage women" myself. – Carolyn]

■ As a person raised in the South, I call everybody ma'am and sir, even my cats. "No ma'am! Don't jump on that table!" I think folks who chafe at attempts at politeness typically have personal issues going on.

■ That woman needs to get over herself. My father always called a man "sir" when he was talking to someone he didn't know. Even when my father was older than they were.

■ Last week, a toll booth operator in Florida called me "baby girl." I'm 43. I'm going to start using "baby child" (for a non-gendered version) from now on.

■ All we need to do is drop the idea that using a vocative adds politeness.

■ I think "Hey, you!" is just about the only term that isn't offensive to someone.

[Except those who expect "sir" and "ma'am." Hahaha. – Carolyn]

■ Not everyone feels like a clear gender. The world's changing.

[You win, Tiger. – Carolyn]

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27 North Dakota state tree
30 Moray
32 German physicist
33 Talk a lot
34 Office-holders
36 Opposed
38 Forever and ever
41 Visa and passport
43 Rand of fiction
44 Explorer — Polo
45 Radiates
46 Kind of power
48 Merry sound (hyph.)
50 Swiss painter Paul —
51 British peer
52 Keeps following
53 "My — Sal"
55 Agree silently

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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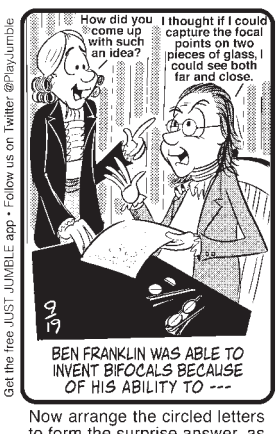
How did you come up with such an idea?
I thought if I could capture the focal points on two pieces of glass, I could see both far and close.
BEN FRANKLIN WAS ABLE TO INVENT BIFOCALS BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____ - _____"

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MUNCH PEACE HAGGLE AVATAR
Answer: For sports fans, the invention of the remote control was a — GAME CHANGER

KAKURO

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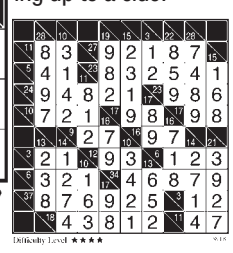
Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/19

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Some pairs love postmortems, an analysis of a deal once it has been played. Let's give them a heyday. First, what happened at one table in a Bridge Base Online duplicate; then, what should have happened.

After the given auction, West led the heart ace, cashed the diamond ace and played the diamond five to partner's king, declarer playing the seven and the queen. East shifted to a low club. West took that trick and cashed the club ace, so the contract went down two. What are your thoughts?

Right – there were numerous errors. First, East should have raised one heart to four hearts. South might have passed, but probably would have bid four spades. Then surely West would have gone higher. Also, West's three-heart rebid was far too cautious. He should have raised to game.

In the duplicate, no East-West pair reached six hearts, which just needed the club finesse to work. Usually the rule for a slam on a finesse is to bid it when the finesse is working but to stay out when the finesse is losing! Here, though, given South's bid, the finesse was a favorite. Six tables played in four hearts, and eight in five hearts. No one sacrificed in five spades – was that good judgment?

Yes, it was. Five spades doubled can cost 800 for down four! After the heart ace, diamond ace and diamond to the king, East gives West a diamond ruff. Then West exits with his remaining trump and awaits three club tricks. Even more fun is to start with three rounds of diamonds. West continues with a low heart. East wins with his jack and shifts to the club queen!

North 09-19-20
♠ Q J 7 5 2
♥ 7
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ 8 5 2

West
♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q 10 4 3
♦ A 5
♣ A J 10

East
♠ 8
♥ J 8 6 5 2
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ Q 6 4

South
♠ A K 9 4 3
♥ 9
♦ Q 7 4
♣ K 9 7 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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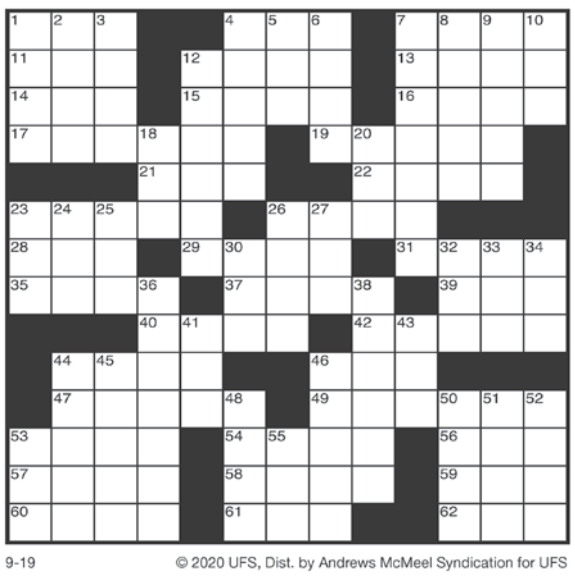

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Board-and-batten siding and a metal roof deliver country charm, while a front porch invites relaxation. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Country design with a contemporary layout

Clean and open, this 2,192-square-foot modern farmhouse feels fresh and contemporary.

The kitchen overlooks the family room and includes a big island. Relax in the master suite, which includes a five-piece bath and a walk-in closet.

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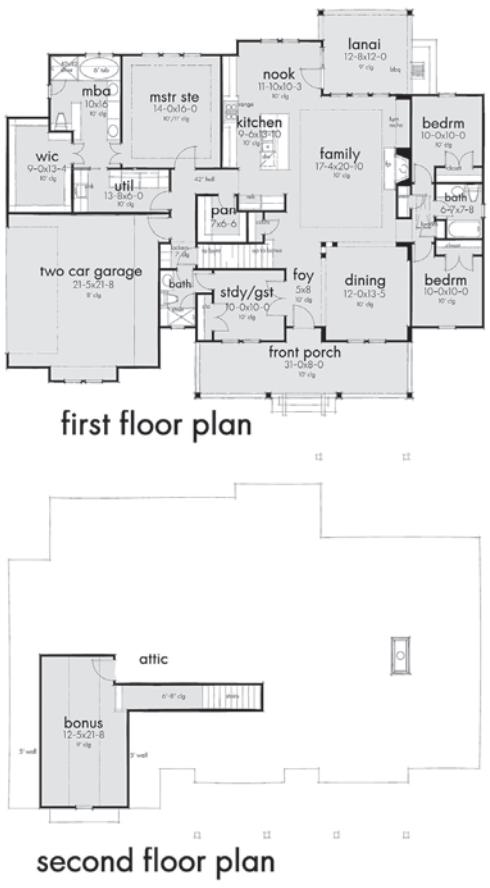

Design number: 120-263	**Square footage:** 2,192	**Dimensions:** 68-feet-5-inches by 55-feet-6-inches
Bedrooms: 4	**Bonus space:** 274 square feet	**Framing:** 2-by-4
Baths: 3		

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Norris Arent's great-grandparents, Daniel and Henrietta Arent, had 15 children. It was such an oddity for so many children to survive infancy that Daniel was offered $10,000 (nearly $288,000 in today's dollars) to display the children at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. He declined the offer.

ARENT

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Writing a book

Following a family death in September, Beverly decided it was time to get the family history stored in her dad's head written down for future generations. She worked with Betty Epperly of Crooked Tree Stories to help her dad publish "Harvest of Plenty."

"I called Betty, and we went down and interviewed dad several times," Beverly said via Zoom.

"I transcribed them," Epperly said on the same call, "and I would send the PDF to Bev, and she would review it. And then we started accumulating photos."

Epperly also worked with the North Berrien Historical Society to supplement Norris' memories with history about the area.

"I think that's part of the reason (the book) appeals to people," she said of the historical information, "but mostly it's because of Norris' amazing life and how his family and his ancestors were resilient, and overcame so many things that we can't even imagine.

"Norris' generation had such a sense of family devotion and loyalty, and they put their lives on hold many times, as Norris did, and just did whatever was in front of them just to help their family succeed," Epperly said.

The book starts by detailing early life in Berrien County, and the Arnts arrival in Southwest Michigan in 1851. The family Americanized their name to Arent upon arrival.

Among the family members mentioned in the book are Norris' great-grandparents, Daniel and Henrietta Arent. They had 15 children survive infancy, and at one time were deemed the largest family in the country.

"Fair officials heard of his family," The News-Palladium reported years later, in 1939. "Mr. Arent was offered $10,000 to bring his family to the (World's Columbian Exposition in 1893) to live there for its duration at the expense of management. He turned the offer down. A Bainbridge farm with its beautiful rolling hills, its fruit, its wholesome living for his boys and girls needed his care and attention. The glamour and fame of a world's fair, with the promise of a small fortune for those days, could not lure him away from it."

From there, the book works its way through the years to Norris' grandparents and parents, then finally he and Margaret.

Of his parents' eight children, only Norris and Noreen, now 92, survive. She lives next door to him at The Whitcomb, where Norris has signed a copy or two of his book.

"That's been my biggest surprise about this whole thing," Beverly said. "I have high school classmates who live in Florida who have purchased the book. A close friend of mine in Grand Rapids has texted me to say she bought the book. People that aren't family members are really into it. The one gal in Florida says she loves to read about where she grew up, and it's nice to know the people."

"One thing that I constantly learn through helping people write memoirs is, No. 1, we all want to know where we came from," Epperly said. "And it's satisfying to learn about our roots, and our ancestors, and also what makes our loved ones who they are. Then we see traits in ourselves that have been passed along by our parents and grandparents, and it's a very satisfying experience."

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COVID-19

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summer and March of this year, stress jumped 14 percentage points, with 60 percent of Americans experiencing significant stress the day before, up from 46 percent. Worry jumped 20 points, to 58 percent experiencing significant worry the day before.

"The change was the likes of which we've never seen," said Gallup National Health and Well-Being Index research director Dan Witters.

"Not only were these changes meaningfully large, but they were catastrophic in their magnitude relative to what we have seen and measured, not just in the U.S., but around the world," Witters said.

Worry and stress have since improved, Witters said, but they remain elevated.

Chicago therapist Annie Rosenthal said early in the pandemic her clients were experiencing very high levels of anxiety – a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10. Today, anxiety levels have declined, but stress remains high.

"We're kind of used to it being there," Rosenthal said. "It's kind of like the scenario of the frog in the pot. If you put the frog in cold water and slowly turn (the heat) up, it doesn't jump out because the heat is being applied incrementally, and it doesn't know. We've got the slow burn going on."

There is also good news, according to Colleen Doody, associate chair of the history department at DePaul University.

Doody sees a parallel to the Great Depression of the 1930s, an epic 10-year struggle marked by record unemployment, suicides, evictions, drought and food lines.

The unemployment level reached 25 percent in 1933, when unemployment insurance was still rare.

In contrast, the federal government stepped in quickly in the face of the economic devastation of COVID-19, Doody said.

"It's heartwarming when government works, and in a lot of ways government worked very well early on to keep the economy from just tanking," she said. "The Fed made credit readily available, which was a direct response to their failures in the Great Depression, and (there was) increased unemployment insurance."

Brittany Hutchinson, an assistant curator at the Chicago History Museum, cautioned that our collective memory of, say, World War II as a time of great national unity is centered largely on the white, middle-class experience.

The military was segregated during World War II, and Black Americans were routinely denied equal access to education and housing.

Polio, similarly, was seen as a "white disease," Hutchinson said, and Black doctors struggled to get care for their patients.

Hutchinson pointed out that the last polio outbreaks coincided with the rise of the civil rights movement in the 1950s. And the Spanish flu coincided with race riots in multiple U.S. cities in 1919.

Similarly, Black Lives Matter protests have erupted in the wake of COVID-19, she said.

"Just as a large crisis can be a unifier, it can also serve as a point of revelation for people," Hutchinson said.

"You can see exactly how other individuals are experiencing something, and you can notice the inequities in our society," she said. "And now that some of us have more time, (and are seeing how) our current and former co-workers are experiencing things, we have the drive to share our voice."

Historians offered a range of reasons why looking back can be helpful in a time of crisis, among them that we gain perspective and learn from previous mistakes.

Hutchinson said she started researching past pandemics after she came down with a suspected case of COVID-19 in April.

"It's comforting. I'm an historian – it's kind of what I do," she said of digging into the past. "But also it helped me be part of this conversation with my friends and family: OK, well, here's what happened in the past, here's how we can conceptualize it, here's how we can center ourselves moving forward."

BABIES

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During the Spanish flu, economic activity didn't slow down because the U.S. was fighting a war, he noted. Factories needed to remain open because "the tools of war needed to be produced."

"The only situation that was occurring at the time was anxiety associated with the public health threat," Levine said. "The other thing that is remarkable is that contraception was not available at the time, so for women to be having that many fewer children, that requires a greater effort than it takes now."

A Guttmacher Institute survey of 2,009 women between the ages of 18 and 49 in early May found that more than 40 percent of women had changed their plans about when to have children or how many children to have because of the pandemic. In contrast, 17 percent of women surveyed reported wanting to have more children, or expand their families sooner.

But there are competing elements at work, said Jennifer Horney, an epidemiology professor at the University of Delaware.

"We do expect to see a reduction in fertility when we have a reduction in work-life balance, which many people are probably seeing," Horney said. "And there has been an increase in uncertainty around the economy. But we also have increasing rates of STDs in some places, which lead us to believe people are having more unprotected sex with different partners."

While Horney categorized COVID-19 as a public health emergency, the pandemic's length makes it quite different from other major disasters that she has researched in the past, like hurricanes.

"The stress and the mental and physical health effects of this are going to be really longstanding," she said. "For example, the response of some employers to what's happened with the economy has been to reduce and stop contributions to employees' retirement plans. That may set people back in their plans for a family."

For those seeking fertility services, demand has remained steady throughout the pandemic, said Allison Bloom, an attending physician at Main Line Fertility.

"People we work with have wanted to be pregnant years and months ago," Bloom said. "Waiting a month isn't really an option for some of them. And now we know this is not really going to go away, so people who want to start their family aren't delaying treatments."

When Main Line Fertility paused services in March, Bloom said, some patients became more anxious.

"We're dealing with a special group of patients, though, and that's important to keep in mind," she said. "People seek us out and what we do is time sensitive."

While economists and epidemiologists are still waiting to see how the pandemic will ultimately affect global birth rates in the long run, patterns are already emerging. Premature births have fallen, in some cases drastically, in multiple countries.

Either way, there will be important implications for what happens to the world's population, Levine said.

"The baby boomers have had influence throughout their lives," he said. "This generation will be the same way."

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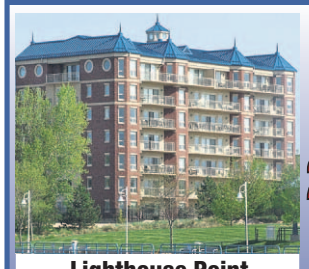

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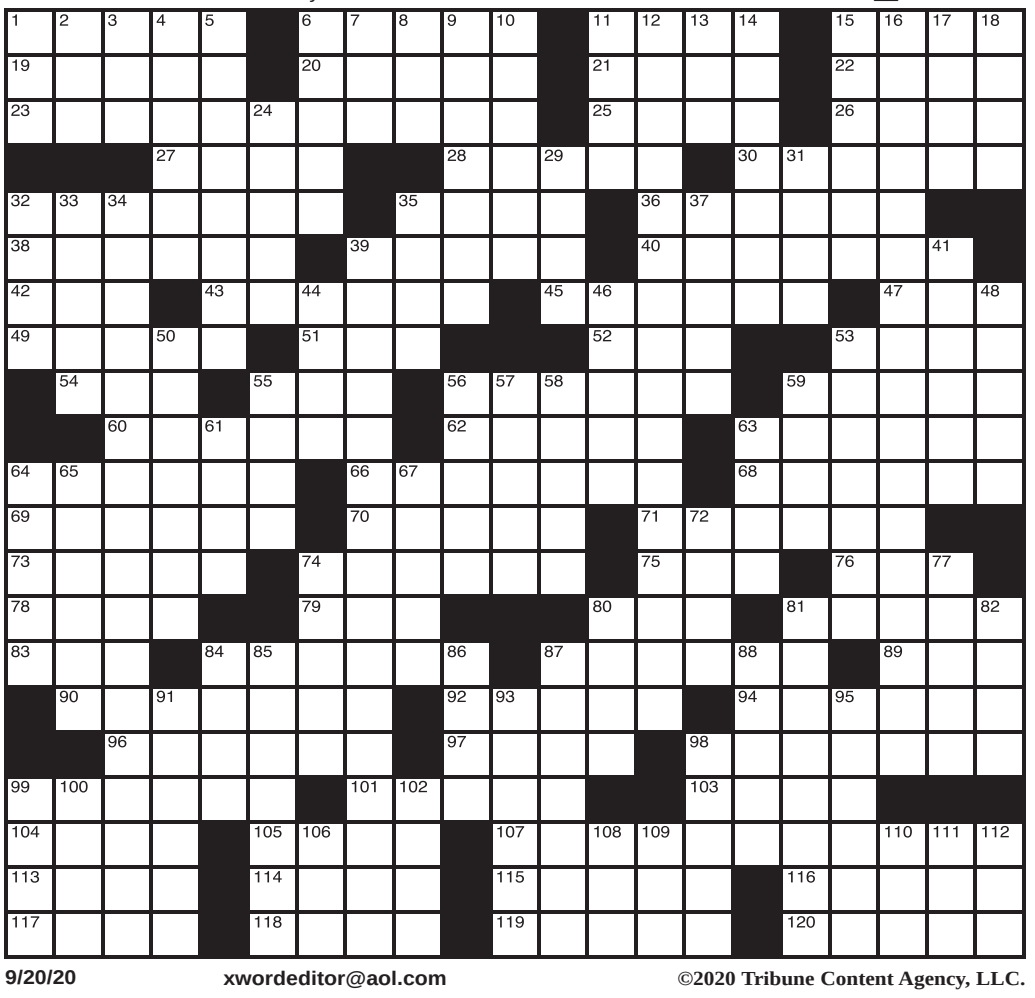
1 Help in drawing the line
6 Chums, in slang
11 Garage sale caution
15 Classic square-dancing site
19 Web mag
20 Not missing a trick
21 "__ we forget"
22 Suit to __
23 Like a three-year-old after a tough year, to Mom?
25 Ice formation
26 Old Fords
27 Noodle
28 "Unleaded" drink
30 Response to a crash
32 Quarantine
35 Dog command
36 Key of Brahms' First Piano Concerto
38 Beat the wheat
39 Gossipy type
40 Counting (on)
42 Was in front
43 Accompanist?
45 Provided service for, as tables
47 Daybreak deity
49 West Yorkshire city
51 Color distinction
52 What may be added to impress?
53 "His Dark Materials" protagonist
54 Before, before
55 __ drop
56 Business casual choice
59 Result of a three-putt, maybe
60 Thin coating
62 Collegian's diet staple
63 Doves and loves
64 Poet contemporary of Milton
66 Sticking, as a landing
68 Start of a classic JFK challenge
69 Cereal fruit
70 Spreadsheet units
71 It's often said with a smile
73 Personal
74 Santana with 10 Grammys
75 Chicago's __ Center
76 TV drama settings
78 First name in blues
79 Baba in a cave
80 "__ Miniver"
81 Qualifying races
83 Rallying word
84 Short program
87 1980s Cabbage Patch Kids producer
89 NASA vehicle
90 Spot for a spot
92 Torment
94 2001 French title heroine
96 Carnival ride?
97 Bar request
98 It relieves pain
99 Summer ermines
101 Auspices
103 Bit of handiwork?
104 Come down hard
105 Earthenware pot
107 Peacock, say?
113 Pearl Mosque locale
114 Guitarist Lofgren
115 Surround
116 MGM Resorts reward program
117 Damon or Dillon
118 Eyelid problem
119 Like horseshoes
120 Fancy watch brand

DOWN

1 Whistler, at times
2 Israeli weapon
3 Pulitzer winner __-Manuel Miranda
4 Pave the way for
5 Paramount issues?
6 Alexander who directed "Nebraska" and "Sideways"
7 Little helper
8 Fair-hiring abbr.
9 "Immortal word" in a Bush 41 quote of Dana Carvey
10 Main follower?
11 Code word for "A"
12 Singer Simon, refusing to take a limo?
13 Prefix with -bar
14 Unproductive
15 Fictional boxer's surname
16 Part-time lawyer?
17 Make over
18 Catbird seat?
24 Wooden slats
29 Shellfish serving
31 Lover of Geraint
32 "__ never work"
33 Easily led sorts
34 Hospital worker on trial?
35 "Come __!"
37 Allots, with "out"
39 Paul Simon song about a budding international union?
41 Whom picadors assist
44 __ music: idle talk
46 Idol whose fans are called Claymates
48 "What __ thou?"
50 Waters near Jericho
53 Gander
55 Twins' home: Abbr.
56 Whale food
57 Winnie-the-Pooh greeting
58 Out of whack
59 Big name in audio systems
61 Israel's Iron Lady
63 Battle of Normandy city
64 Martini comparative
65 Go off on
67 Home with a view
72 Stockings
74 Guitar accessories
77 Draft holder
80 Chamonix peak
81 Common features of wordplay
82 Bob Hoskins' role in "Hook"
84 Stuck, after "in"
85 Contaminates
86 Zest
87 "The drink's on me" speaker?
88 Lock site
91 Turkey's highest peak
93 Performer with many fans?
95 Fit to serve
98 Add a rider to, say
99 Cybernuisance
100 When repeated, "Animal House" chant
102 Facilitate
106 Blitzed
108 "Better Call Saul" network
109 20-20, e.g.
110 George __, first king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
111 What D.C. Stadium was renamed in 1969
112 __ volente



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, (EGLE) Water Resources Division (WRD) will hold an on-line public hearing on October 7, 2020.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Eight separate permit applications have been concurrently submitted under Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), located at the following addresses in Lake Township, Bridgman, Michigan: 5058 Ironwood Lane, 5115 Dogwood Lane, 5122 Dogwood Lane, 9060 LakeWay Lane, 9076 LakeWay Lane, 9092 LakeWay Lane, 9106 Lake Street, 9118 LakeWay Lane. The applicants propose to install boulder revetments, as erosion control along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Specifically, the applicants propose to install a cumulative total of 4,129 cubic yards of mattress and armor stone in two areas measuring a cumulative total of 770 feet long by 30 feet wide. No dredging or placement of fill is proposed lakeward of the Ordinary High Water Mark of Lake Michigan. Access to the proposed activities is via barge. The projects are located in T06S, R20W, Section 13, Lake Township, Berrien County, Michigan, in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

To attend the online public hearing register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_baoz-7ReTTmFT6ss4gVAWQ. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 312-626-6799 and use access code 952 2775 0304#. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (6:00 p.m.).

The applications are available for review and comment, on EGLE's Website, MiWaters: https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters/external/publicnotice/search
You do not need an account to add a comment to the Public Hearing comments. Use the search tool on the Public Hearing Search to find the public hearing announcement. It is most easily searched using the address of the site. Once you find the submission using the search engine at the above link, you can review documents related to the application and click the "Add Comment" tab to enter your comment. You will have the option to either type your comment or upload it as an attachment.

The public hearing record will remain open for ten days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received before the close of the record.

Comments can also be submitted by regular mail to: EGLE, WRD, Kalamazoo District Office, 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49009-5025 - Phone No. 269-567-3500.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 35304(1)c of Part 353 of the NREPA. The hearing will not be a legal proceeding, witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

A copy of the decision on this application can be reviewed on MiWaters, using MiWaters Site Explorer, once a decision has been made.
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
Water Resources Division
Date: September 2, 2020
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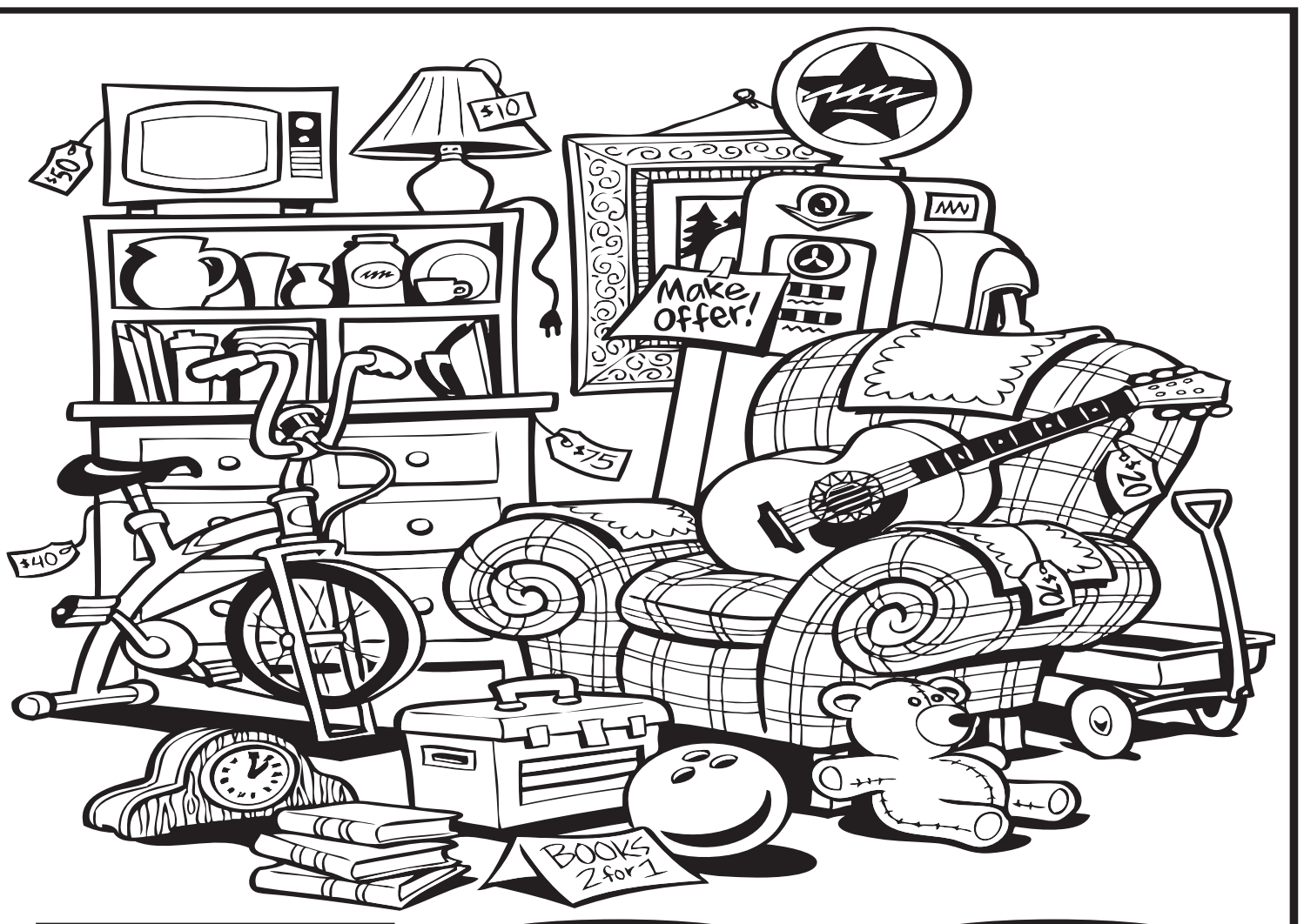

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Property Identification Number of 11-11-0033-0015-07-0.
This Variance would allow having a dwelling unit which is less than the required 720 square feet in size.
Written comments concerning the above-mentioned matter will be received by the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, c/o Lake Charter Township, P.O. Box 818, Bridgman, MI 49106 or at the Lake Township Hall during business hours. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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Decedent's Estate

Estate of Steven Ray Edwards a/k/a Steven R. Edwards, Deceased

Date of birth:
04/29/1955

TO ALL CREDITOR:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Steven Ray Edwards a/k/a Steven R. Edwards, died 08/08/2020.

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Date: 09/18/2020

Attorney:
John M. Wojcik /
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New Buffalo, MI 49117
269-469-0300

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William Harte
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The Settlor, Mary Susan Hojnacki, (date of birth) May 12, 1951, who lived at 9843 Greenwood Ave, Union Pier, Michigan, died August 13, 2020. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The Marysusan Hojnacki Revocable Living Trust dated February 26, 2019, as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to Successor Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

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ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS
FOR WATER
DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM
OPERATOR

Benton Charter
Township will
be accepting
applications for
a Water Distribution
System Operator
beginning
September 10,
2020 through
September 18, 2020.

This is an entry
level position.
The position
requires semiskilled
work in the
installation and
removal, connecting
and disconnecting
of water meters.

GENERAL HELP

Work is
performed under
the direction of
the Water
Distribution System
Supervisor. The
Water Distribution
System Operator
must be able to
routinely perform,
after sufficient
training, duties
involving water
distribution
system construction,
repair, operations,
including water
meter reading,
installation, testing,
and repair, cross
connection
compliance, and
general system
administration.

All applicants
must possess a
high school diploma,
must obtain an S-4
operator certification
within the time
requirements of
the Michigan
Department of
Environmental
Quality.
In addition, all
applicants must be
able to pass physical
examination and
drug/alcohol
screening test,
background check,
and possess a
commercial driver's
license. Other
minimum
qualifications apply.

Beginning salary
is $30,000 to
$40,000 with
benefits.

Applications may
be obtained at
the Benton Charter
Township Hall,
1725 Territorial Rd.,
Bldg. B.,
Benton Harbor,
Michigan 49022. All
applications and/or
resumes should be
sent to Mike Baldwin,
Water Department
Supervisor, 555 N.
Crystal Ave., Benton
Harbor, Michigan
49022, email
mbaldwin@
bentoncharter
township-mi.gov
E.O.E.

Carolyn Phillips
Township Clerk

SKILLED TRADE

The City of
St. Joseph is
currently accepting
applications for
the position of
a full-time Laborer
in the Parks and
Cemetery Division.
Applicants are
required to have
a valid Michigan
Driver's license with
a safe driving
record, a valid
Michigan Category
6 pesticide
applicators
certification or
ability to obtain one
within the
employment
probationary period.

SKILLED TRADE

To apply, please
submit a resume
to the City of St
Joseph Personnel
Department, 700
Broad St,
St. Joseph, MI
49085, or
lmoore@sjcity.com.
A full job description
is available at
www.sjcity.com.
Resumes will be
accepted until
Friday,
October 2, 2020.

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Christmas in
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artificial trees, baby
strollers/car seat,
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perfume, household
items, women's
clothes. misc tools
and more!

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Garage Sale
5229 W 300 N
Sat 9/19 & Sun 9/20
10am - 2pm
Bowflex Extreme,
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Lessons from the past will help you decipher what you are up against and how you should move forward. Conflict will hold you back. Make amends and let go of negativity and regret. A positive attitude will help you be and do your very best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let the past drag you down. Let go of whatever isn't working for you, and head in a direction that promises progress. Refuse to let your emotions dictate how you treat others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid getting into an argument. Trying to prove a point will be a waste of time and energy. Concentrate on putting your paperwork in order and being prepared for anything. Make peace a priority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Secrets can have a damaging effect on relationships. Avoid unnecessary situations by being honest and open to compromise. Don't take an unnecessary risk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Know when to walk away from a situation that is no longer working. Look out for your interests, health and emotional well-being. Romance is in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take your time. If you act too quickly, there will be repercussions. Make small but effective changes to position yourself for what's to come. Protect what you've worked so hard to acquire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Back off if something doesn't feel right. Don't overreact or take on too much. Watch what others do, and gauge your own actions accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Insight into situations that can change the way you take care of your interests will surface. Listen to those with more experience, and don't hesitate to ask questions if it will help you make the necessary adjustments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your emotions will take control if you aren't careful. Take a deep breath, and consider alternative ways to resolve issues you have with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change will cause confusion and uncertainty. Take a moment to consider your actions before you get involved in something that may be risky. A problem will arise with a loved one if you are inconsistent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use intelligence to get what you want. Size up situations before you take action. Focus on making home improvements and getting along with loved ones. Make romance a priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your actions speak for you. Do what's right at all times. An opportunity will result if you are honorable and reliable. Let go of the past and focus on the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spend more time building a warm and friendly environment for family and friends. The time and energy you put into something you believe in will push you in a new direction full of possibilities.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Put a strategy in place that will help you excel this year. Use your imagination and be innovative, and you'll come up with a dynamite plan. Take the initiative to make changes that will lead to happiness. Make this year one of personal and professional success by focusing on what you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Review the past, explore the present and embrace the future. Eliminate what isn't working for you and clear the path for new beginnings. Trust and believe in yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be discreet about the details of your professional life. If someone is nosy, shift the focus. Get a better idea of what others want from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Put your plans in motion. It's time to get things done and have fun doing it. Be honest with yourself about what you want to happen, and proceed with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Expect others to overreact and play emotional games with you if you are too complacent or vague. Be abrupt and forceful to avoid being put in an awkward position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Slow down. If you reveal what you are doing prematurely, you will be met with opposition. Solidify your plans and get things up and running. Be sensitive to the needs of a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look over your documents, and clear up unfinished business. An aggressive approach will be in your best interest. Don't argue over something that doesn't matter. Stay focused on what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Manage your finances with care. You cannot buy love or happiness, but you can achieve peace of mind if you handle your money wisely. Beware of indulgence in all forms.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your anger in check. Put your energy into something worthwhile, and you will achieve satisfaction and happiness. Make love a priority. Don't try to change a stubborn person's mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll have trouble making up your mind. Too many choices will add to your confusion. Follow the path that leads to balance and equality. Don't give up on your dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Settle into something that makes you feel comfortable. Pursuing a creative hobby or making changes to your residence will put your mind at ease. Be reluctant to believe secondhand information or take a chance on something risky.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pay closer attention to what's going on around you. Share your feelings with someone who can help you solve a personal problem. An emotional incident will help clear your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Less emotion and more strategy will help you navigate any conflicts you encounter. Look for alternatives and resolve issues holding you back. Take control and make your move. Romance and self-improvement are favored.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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9/20/20

SIEMANS IN BRIDGMAN

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2020 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT

FROZEN WHITE, CRUISE CONTROL, FORD PASS CONNECT, REAR VIEW CAMERA, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, AND MUCH MORE! F20021

MSRP	$26,795
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,550
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $22,995

2020 FORD ECOSPORT 4X4 SE

SHADOW BLACK, ALUMINUM WHEELS, REMOTE START, FOG LAMPS, POWER MOONROOF, POWER SEAT, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! F20128

MSRP	$26,540
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 545
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $24,995

PLUS 0% FOR 84 MONTHS

(WITH APPROVED CREDIT & MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

2020 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

ICONIC SILVER METALLIC, SECOND ROW SPLIT BENCH WITH EZ ENTRY, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, FORD CO-PILOT 360, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! F20104

MSRP	$40,365
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,411
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,500
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $34,204

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM ALL WHEEL DRIVE

MAGNETIC, LEATHER SEATS, 2.0 ECOBOOST ENGINE, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, 19 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, HEATED SEATS, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, REMOTE START, REAR VIEW CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! F20083

LEASE FOR $289 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,450 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD TRADE IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH, OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 FORD EDGE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

DARK PERSIAN GREEN, ACTIVEX SEATS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, VOICE ACTIVATED NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, HANDS-FREE FOOT ACTIVATED LIFT GATE, REMOTE START, WIRELESS CHARGING PAD, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, AND MUCH MORE! F20334

LEASE FOR $279 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL RENEWAL AND FORD EDGE TO EDGE LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4

OXFORD WHITE WITH MAGNETIC TU-TONE, 2.7 ECOBOOST ENGINE, XLT CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, LED BOX LIGHTING, REMOTE START, NAVIGATION, LOCKING REAR AXLE, AND MUCH MORE! F20111

LEASE FOR $199 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $4,000 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 FORD FUSION PLUG-IN HYBRID

KAPOOR RED, 10 PASSENGER SEATING, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, NAVIGATION, FORGED ALUMINUM WHEELS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, REMOTE START, RUNNING BOARDS, PRIVACY GLASS AND MUCH MORE! F20061

MSRP	$37,290
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,795
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,250
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 750

SALE PRICE* $32,495

(*MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

2020 FORD EXPEDITION MAX PLATINUM 4X4

BURGUNDY VELVET METALLIC, 22 INCH WHEELS, HANDS FREE LIFTGATE, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, 2ND ROW POWER FOLDING SEATS, FIRST AND SECOND ROW HEATED SEATS, NAVIGATION, REMOTE START, FORD PASS CONNECT, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, MULTI CONTOUR SEAT, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWERFOLD 3RD ROW SEAT AND MUCH MORE! F20310

MSRP	$82,200
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,205
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,000
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,250
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 3,000

SALE PRICE* $72,745

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

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2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4

FIRECRACKER RED, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20008

MSRP	$45,365
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,370
BONUS CASH	- 2,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$39,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $39,445

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 RAM 5500 4X4 FLATBED WITH HOIST

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.7 CUMMINS TURBO DIESEL, TUBULAR SIDE STEPS, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, AISIN TRANSMISSION, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, 16 FOOT FLATBED PLATFORM BODY WITH DOUBLE ACTING SCISSOR HOIST, BULKHEAD, UNDERBED TOOL BOX AND MUCH MORE! C20146

MSRP	$57,910
ADD FOR PLATFORM BODY	+10,863
SUBTOTAL	$68,773
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,891
REBATE	- 1,000
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT UPFIT*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE	$61,882
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $60,882

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 DODGE JOURNEY

PITCH BLACK, BLACK TOP PACKAGE, BLACK WHEELS, 3-ZONE TEMP CONTROL, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 7-PASSENGER SEATING, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20134

MSRP	$27,230
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 500
REBATE	- 2,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FORE EVERYONE	$23,480
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $22,480

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

LEASE FOR $249/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 JEEP RENEGADE LIMITED 4X4

ALPINE WHITE, LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, 1.3 TURBO ENGINE, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! C20179

LEASE FOR $159/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

WHITE, LEATHER SEATS, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! C20186

LEASE FOR $229/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

DELMONICO RED, 3.6 V-6 ENGINE, REMOTE START, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER SEAT, POWER ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, REAR POWER SLIDING WINDOW, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, AND MUCH MORE! C20162

MSRP	$46,725
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,730
REBATE	- 2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
POWER DAYS RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$38,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $37,495

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 RAM PROMASTER CITY

BIGHT WHITE, SOLID CARGO PARTITION, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, FULL SIZE SPARE, SPEED CONTROL, AND MUCH MORE! C20238

MSRP	$27,070
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 575
REBATE	- 1,500
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 500
PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 750
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$22,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $21,745

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Was $17,500 NOW $15,434

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20131A

Was $24,500 NOW $23,998

2017 GMC ACADIA SLT AWD

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 68K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gold F20108A

Was $25,618 NOW $24,362

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20123

Was $26,553 NOW $24,994

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White U20153

NOW $29,568

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Aluminum Wheels, 22K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20139

Was $23,997 NOW $22,851

2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20112A

NOW $32,729

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Black Shadow U20117

WAS $18,899 NOW $17,990

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Integrated Voice Command, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite C20232A

Was $30,816 NOW $29,987

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tusk White C20212A

Was $26,811 NOW $24,984

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Too Good To Be Blue U20171

NOW $22,555

2013 NISSAN JUKE SL AWD

1.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20209B

NOW $11,373

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painter Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Climate Control, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20136

Was $23,921 NOW $21,928

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

NOW $40,966

2018 HONDA CR-V EXL AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black C20197A

Was $26,182 NOW $25,724

2017 FORD FUSION SE

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Luster Nickel Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Luxury Package, Leather Power Heated Front Seats, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ingot Silver U20160

Was $17,917 NOW $17,476

2017 FORD FUSION SE

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Luster Nickel Wheels, 27K Miles, Power Heated Front Seats, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20170

NOW $17,792

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20118

Was $19,898 NOW $18,684

2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White U20165

Was $21,851 NOW $20,939

2017 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 34K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Maximum Steel U20120

Was $32,107 NOW $31,499

2014 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 64K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Slide Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black Onyx C20136B

NOW $13,559

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, SYNC, Power Leather Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20163

Was $19,996 NOW $19,440

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 12K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20143

Was $23,928 NOW $23,330

2017 FORD FUSION V6 SPORT AWD

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Sport Upgrade Package, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Aluminum Sport Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C19274B

Was $23,675 NOW $22,972

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Light Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20141

Was $23,717 NOW $22,851

2015 FORD FUSION TITANIUM HYBRID

2.0 IVCT Hybrid, ECVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 66K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Keeping System, Blind Spot with Cross Traffic Alert, Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red F20318H

NOW $14,702

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

NOW $20,500

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20161

Was $26,757 NOW $25,216

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 16K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seats, Leather Suede Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red C20242A

Was $33,229 NOW $32,501

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecobgost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic with Tow Mode, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, FX4 Off-Road Package, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Dprer's Seat, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20158

NOW $39,595

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

NOW $20,995

2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 4MATIC AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heat Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Obsidian Black M20083A

NOW $33,995

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC Connect, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20140

Was $22,858 NOW $21,933

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Sport Appearance Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, SYNC 3, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20155

Was $21,719 NOW $20,810

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20150

Was $24,957 NOW $24,200

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Aluminum Wheels, 34K Wheels, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20172

NOW $20,884

2018 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20154

Was $23,870 NOW $23,321

2019 MAZDA 3 PREFERRED HATCHBACK AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, Only 6K Miles! Preferred Package, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Pre-Owned Certified! Machine Gray S20016

NOW $23,500

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Cloth and Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum Graphite F20289A

Was $21,994 NOW $21,558

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Fold Rear Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20133

Was $25,049 NOW $24,502

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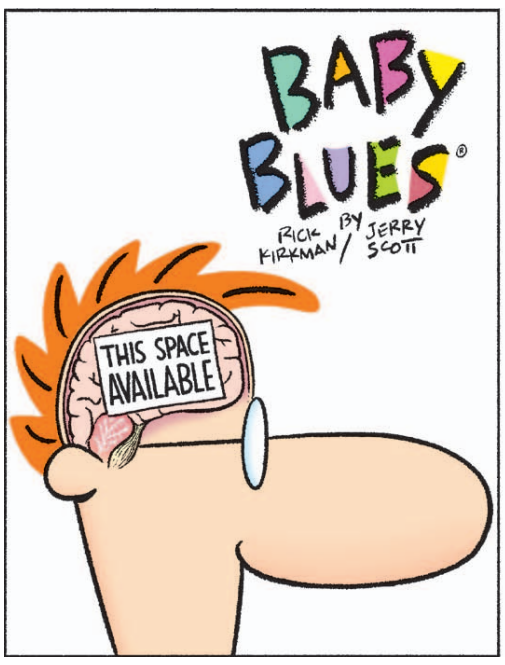
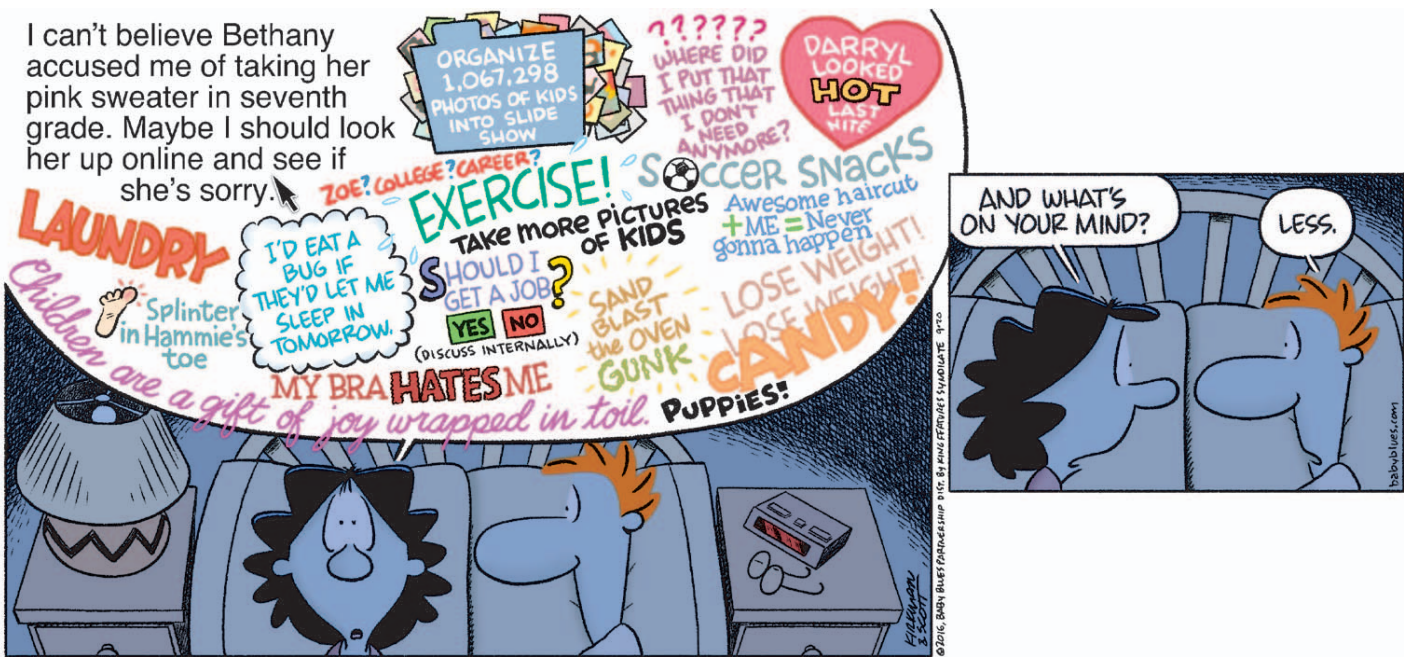
BY RICK KIRKMAN / JERRY SCOTT




I can't believe Bethany accused me of taking her pink sweater in seventh grade. Maybe I should look her up online and see if she's sorry.
ORGANIZE 1,067,298 PHOTOS OF KIDS INTO SLIDE SHOW
?????? WHERE DID I PUT THAT THING THAT I DON'T NEED ANYMORE?
DARRYL LOOKED HOT LAST NITE
ZOE? COLLEGE? CAREER?
EXERCISE!
SOCCER SNACKS
LAUNDRY
Splinter in Hammie's toe
I'D EAT A BUG IF THEY'D LET ME SLEEP IN TOMORROW.
TAKE MORE PICTURES OF KIDS
SHOULD I GET A JOB?
YES NO
(DISCUSS INTERNALLY)
Awesome haircut +ME=Never gonna happen
LOSE WEIGHT!
SAND BLAST the OVEN GUNK
CANDY!
MY BRA HATES ME
Children are a gift of joy wrapped in toil.
PUPPIES!
AND WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
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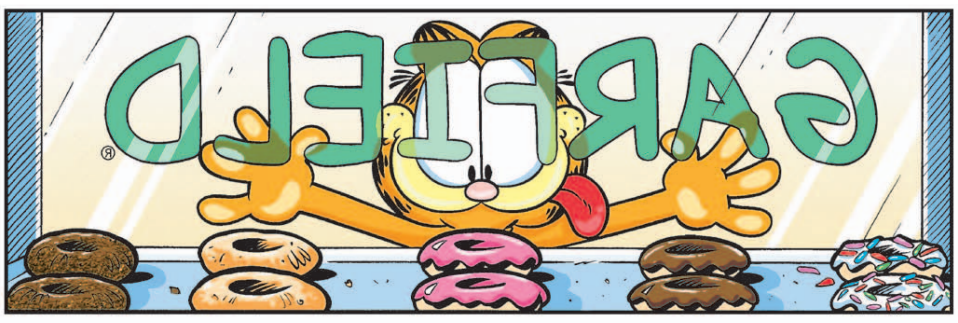

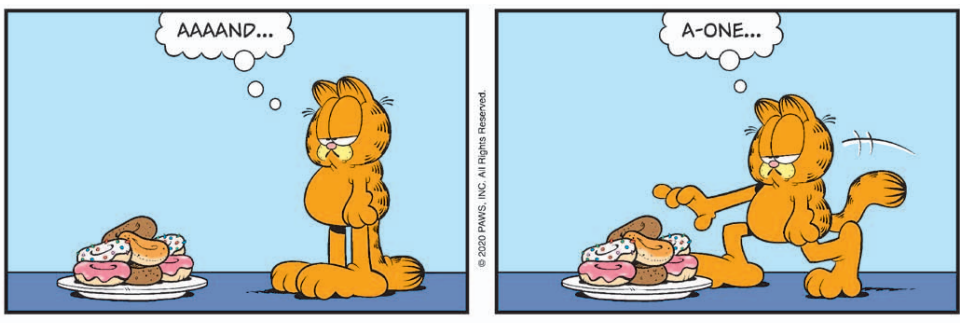

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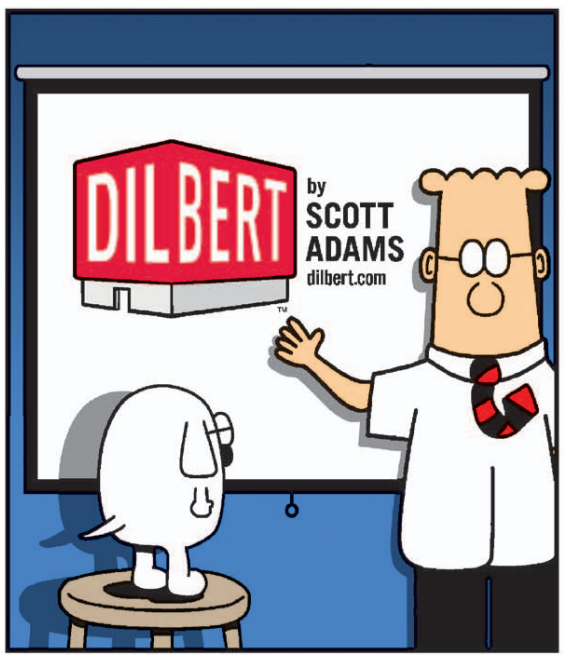

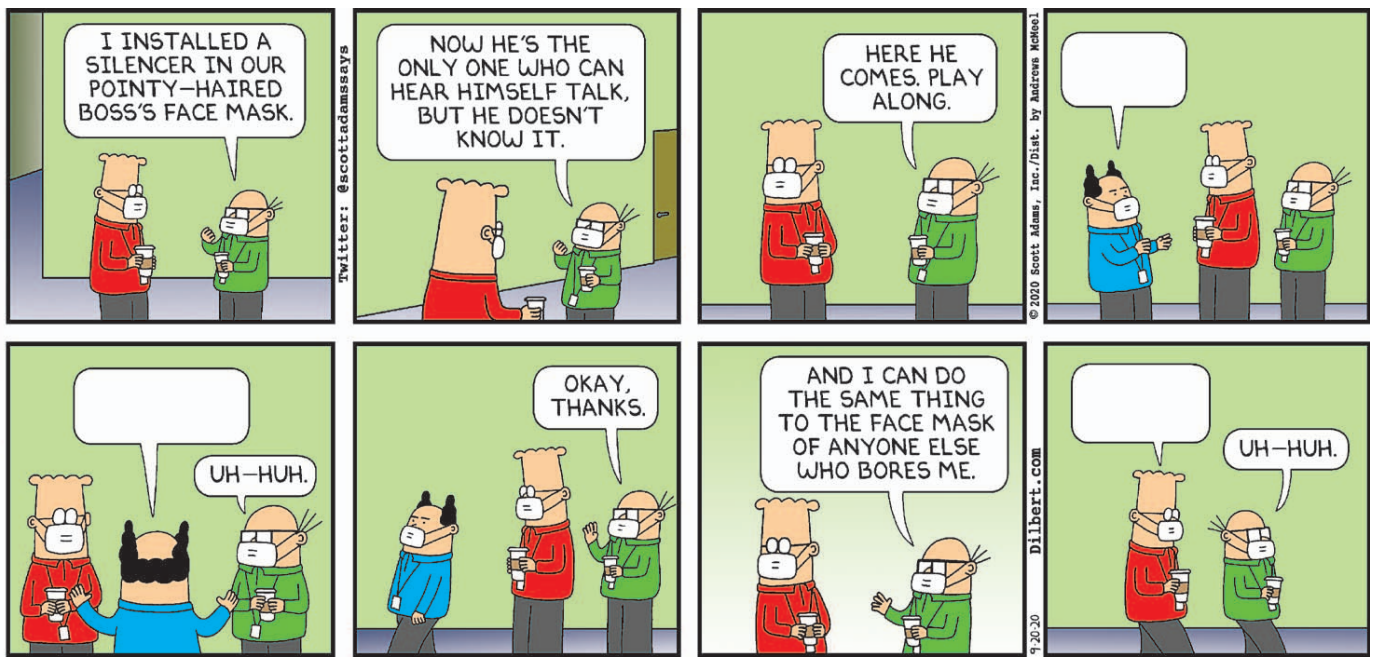
I INSTALLED A SILENCER IN OUR POINTY-HAIRED BOSS'S FACE MASK.
NOW HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR HIMSELF TALK, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW IT.
HERE HE COMES. PLAY ALONG.
UH-HUH.
OKAY, THANKS.
AND I CAN DO THE SAME THING TO THE FACE MASK OF ANYONE ELSE WHO BORES ME.
UH-HUH.
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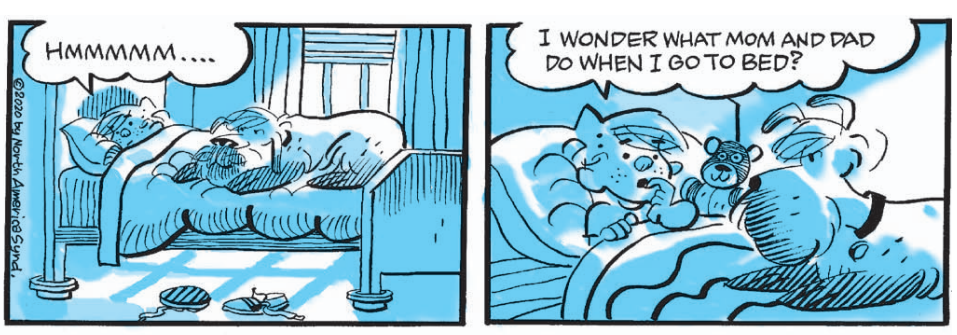
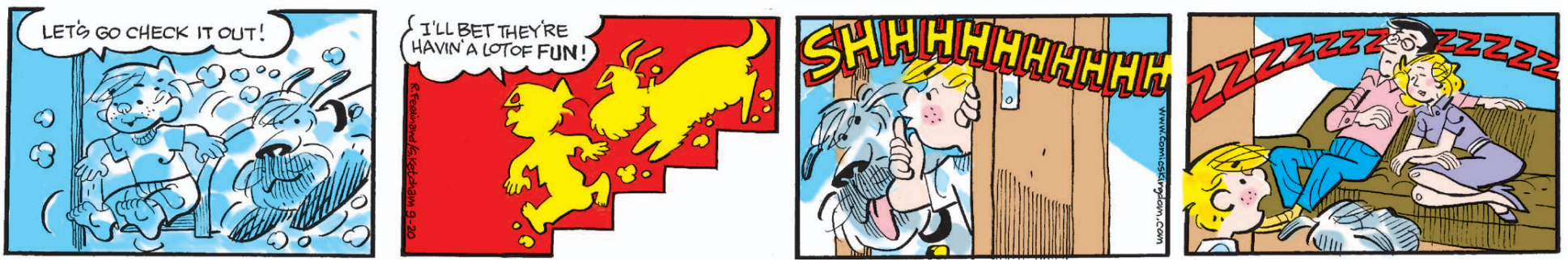
DENNIS THE MENACE

Hank Ketcham's

Dennis the Menace

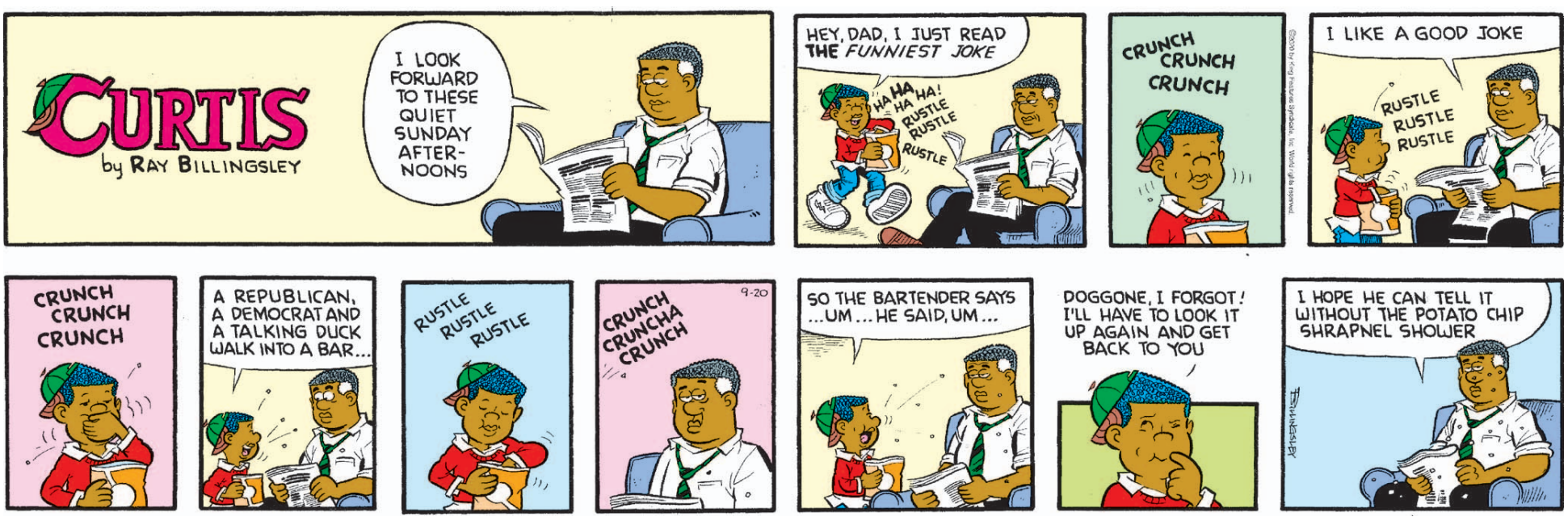
SNOOZE TO ME!





CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY


I LOOK FORWARD TO THESE QUIET SUNDAY AFTER-NOONS
HEY, DAD, I JUST READ THE FUNNIEST JOKE
HA HA HA HA! RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
I LIKE A GOOD JOKE
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
A REPUBLICAN, A DEMOCRAT AND A TALKING DUCK WALK INTO A BAR...
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
CRUNCH CRUNCHA CRUNCH
9-20
SO THE BARTENDER SAYS ...UM... HE SAID, UM...
DOGGONE, I FORGOT! I'LL HAVE TO LOOK IT UP AGAIN AND GET BACK TO YOU
I HOPE HE CAN TELL IT WITHOUT THE POTATO CHIP SHRAPNEL SHOWER
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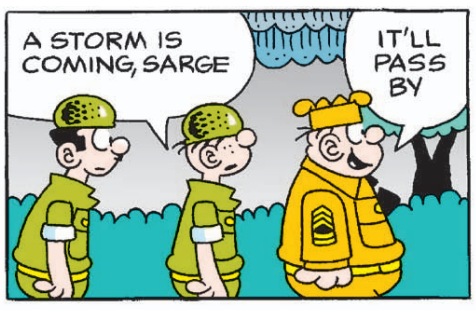

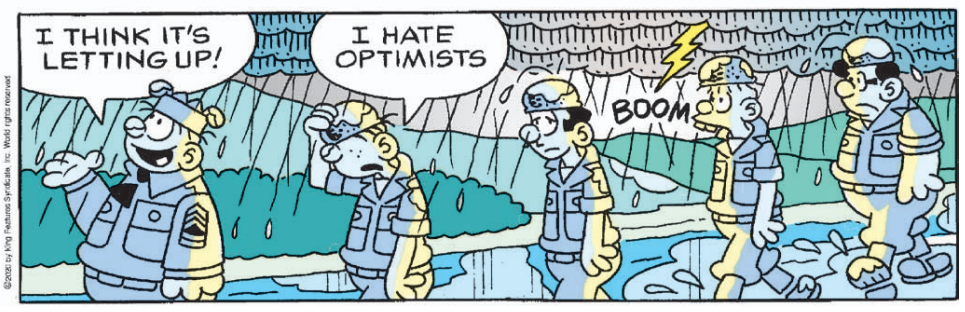

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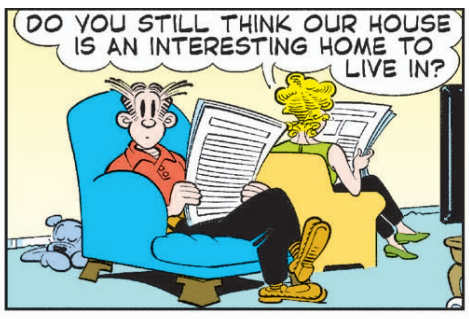

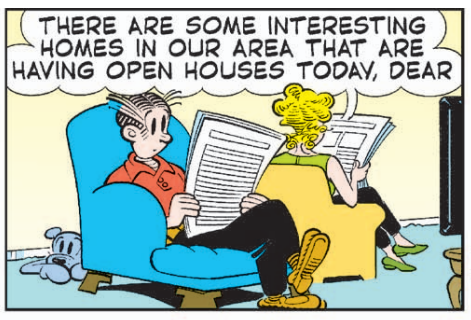

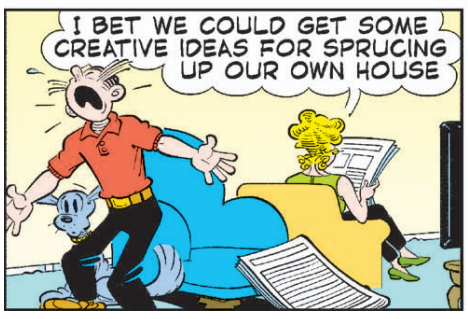

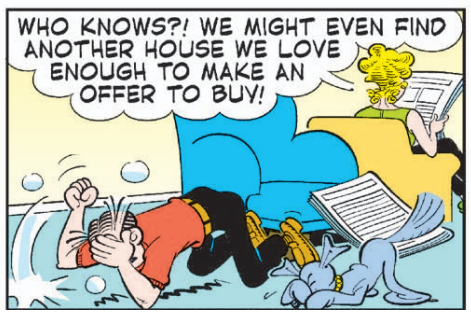
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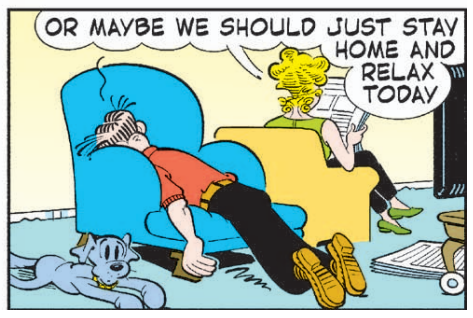

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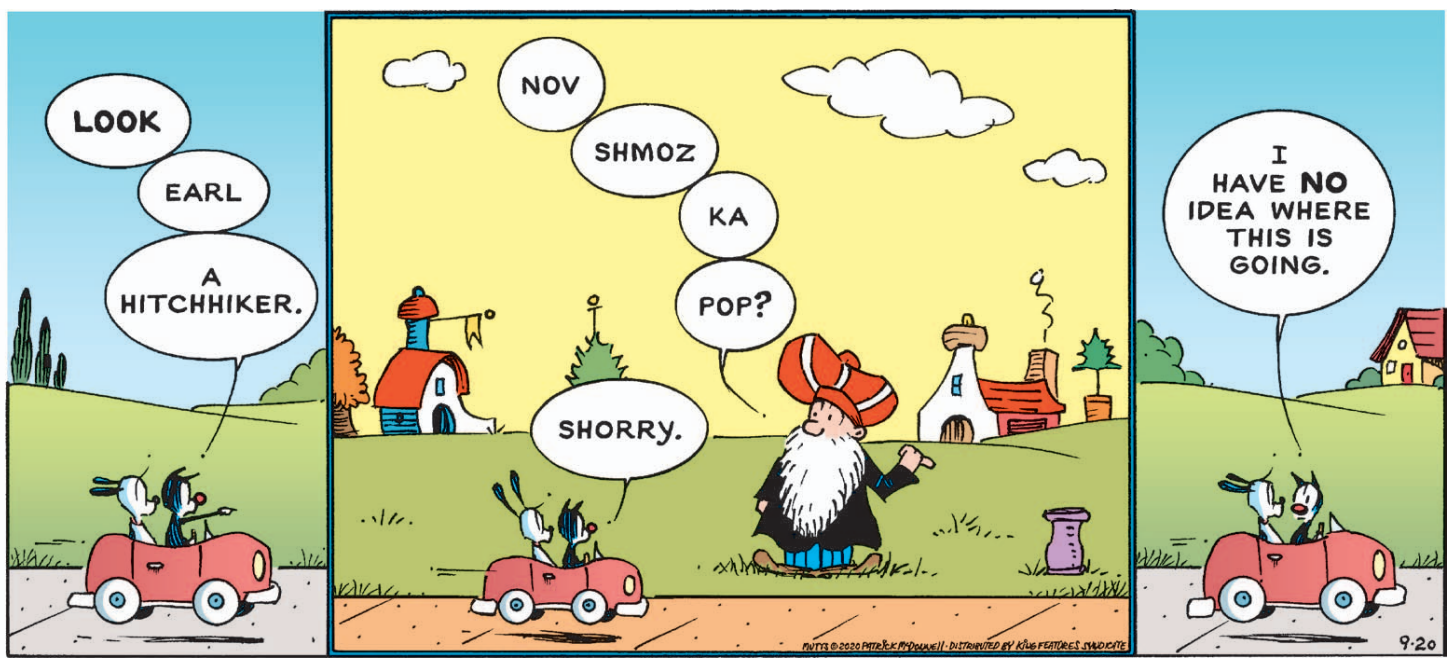
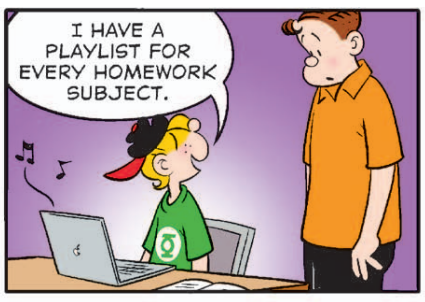
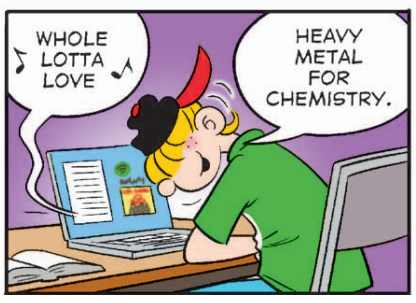
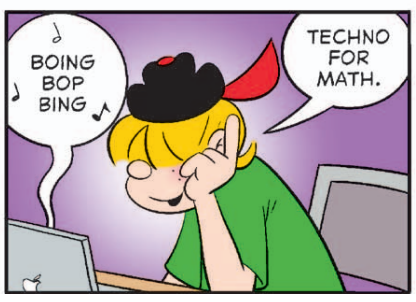


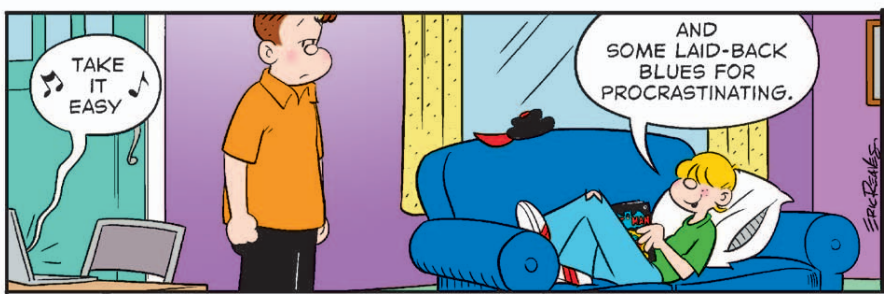
Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER









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FUNKY WINKERBEAN

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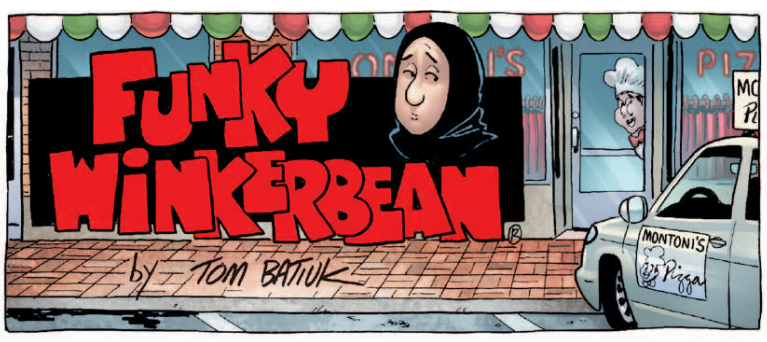

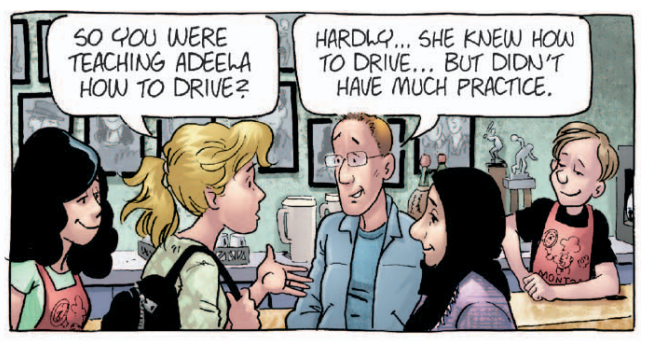

ONCE ADEELA GOT BACK BEHIND THE WHEEL...
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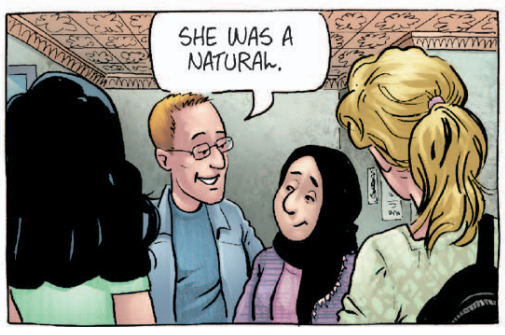
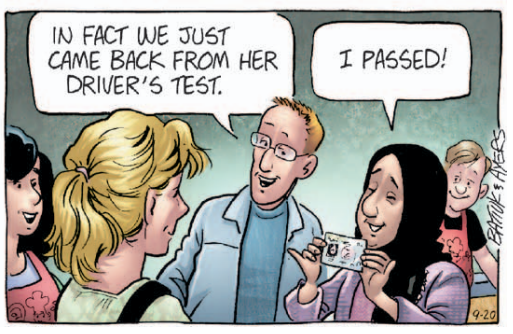
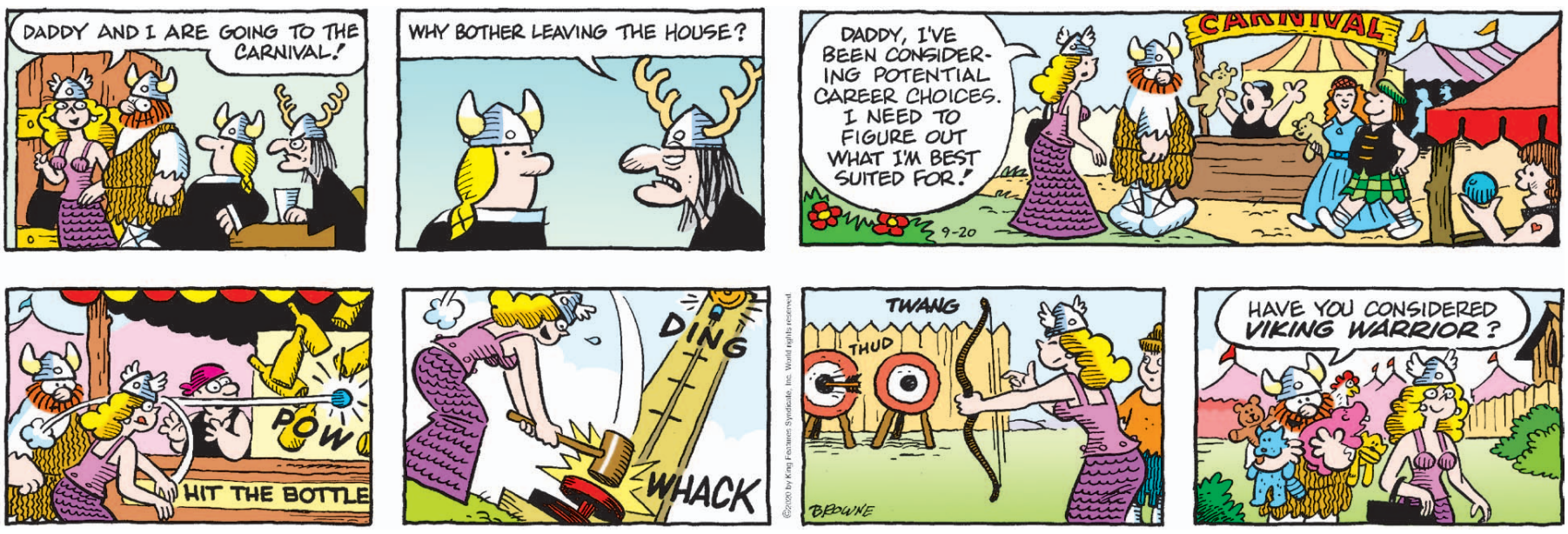




HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE



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THE LOCKHORNS

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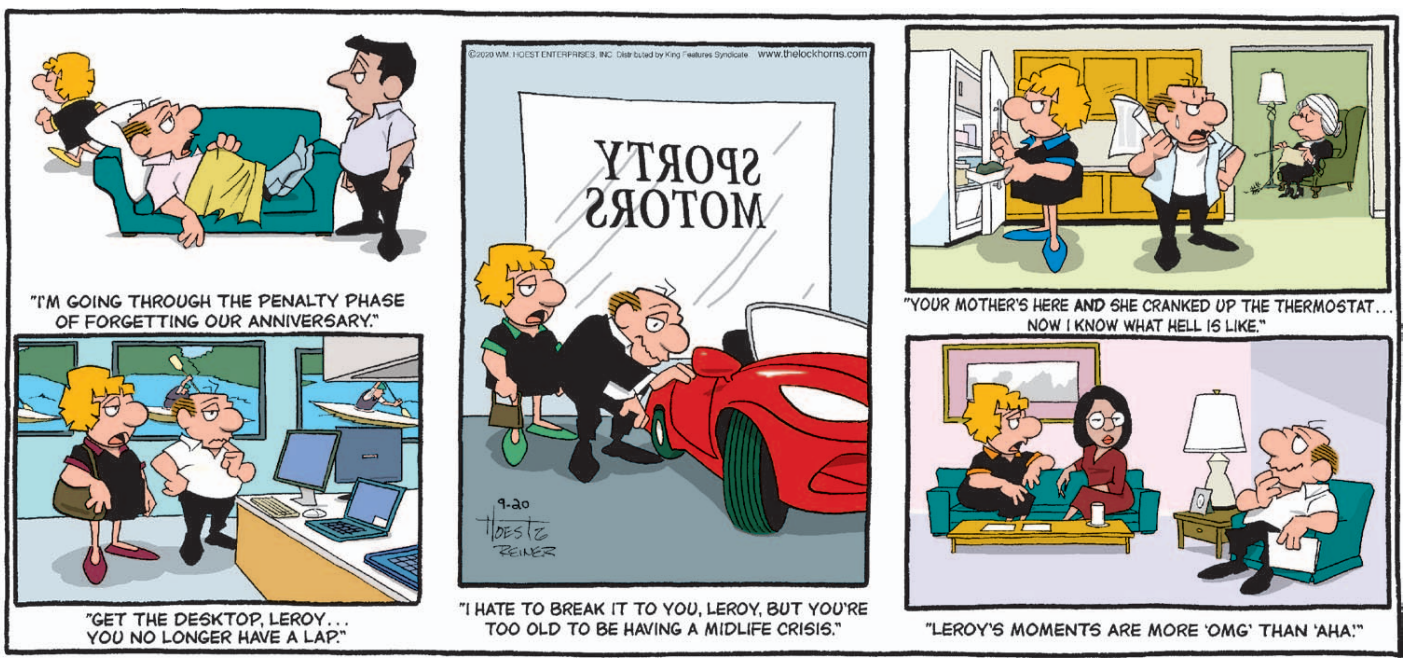
"I'M GOING THROUGH THE PENALTY PHASE OF FORGETTING OUR ANNIVERSARY."
"GET THE DESKTOP, LEROY... YOU NO LONGER HAVE A LAP."
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SPORTY MOTORS
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"I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, LEROY, BUT YOU'RE TOO OLD TO BE HAVING A MIDLIFE CRISIS."
"YOUR MOTHER'S HERE AND SHE CRANKED UP THE THERMOSTAT... NOW I KNOW WHAT HELL IS LIKE."
"LEROY'S MOMENTS ARE MORE 'OMG' THAN 'AHA!'"

SALLY FORTH®

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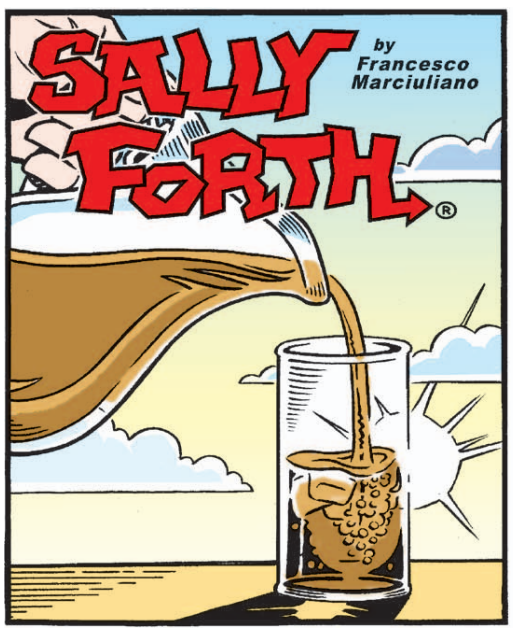

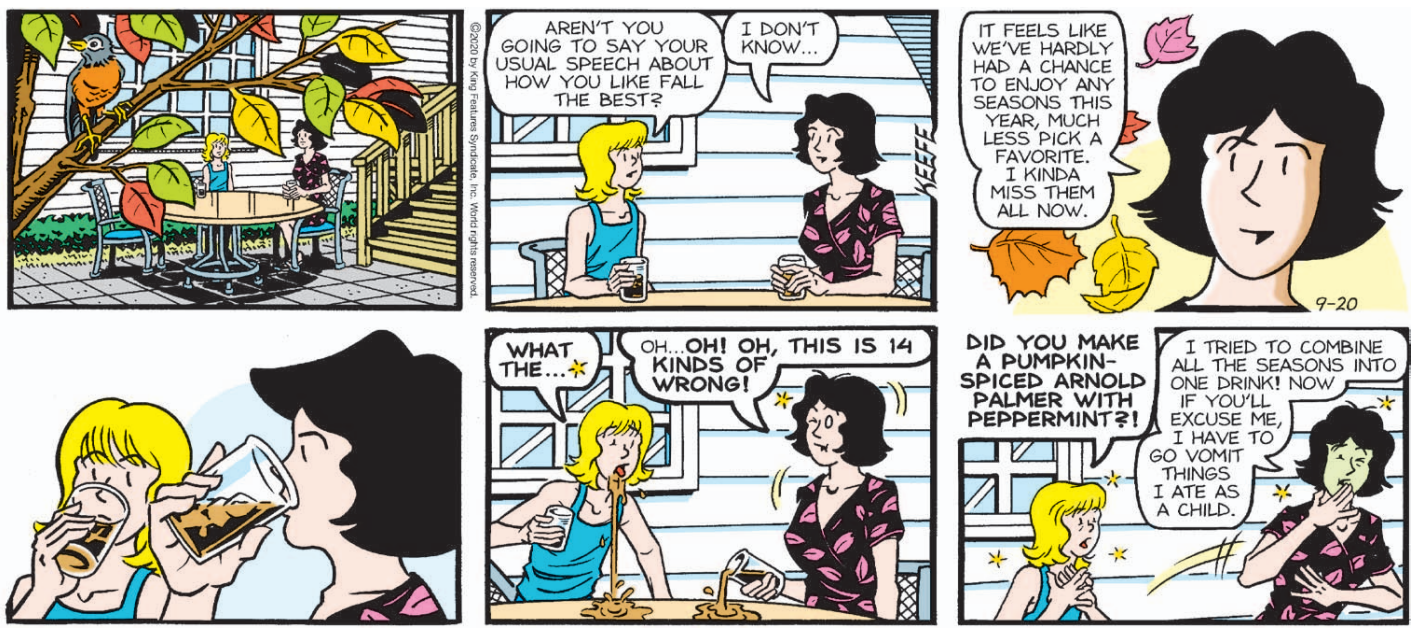
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AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY YOUR USUAL SPEECH ABOUT HOW YOU LIKE FALL THE BEST?
I DON'T KNOW...
KEEFE
IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE HARDLY HAD A CHANCE TO ENJOY ANY SEASONS THIS YEAR, MUCH LESS PICK A FAVORITE. I KINDA MISS THEM ALL NOW.
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WHAT THE...
OH...OH! OH, THIS IS 14 KINDS OF WRONG!
DID YOU MAKE A PUMPKIN-SPICED ARNOLD PALMER WITH PEPPERMINT?!
I TRIED TO COMBINE ALL THE SEASONS INTO ONE DRINK! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GO VOMIT THINGS I ATE AS A CHILD.

ZITS

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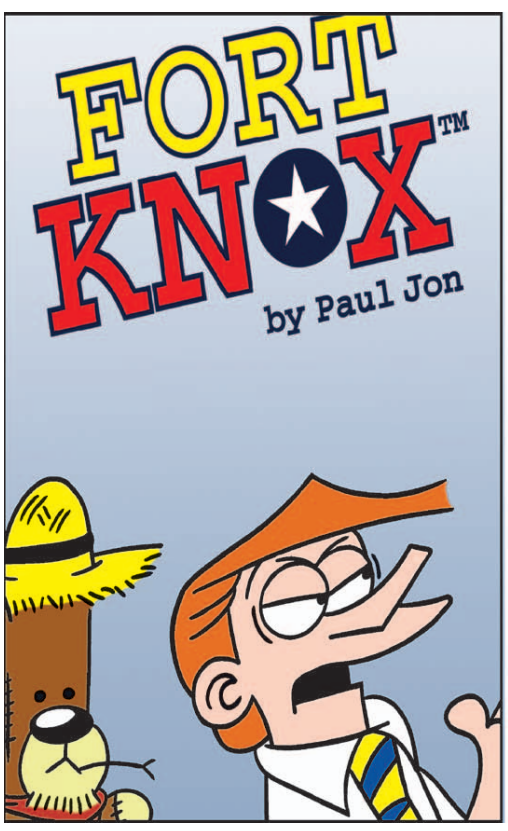

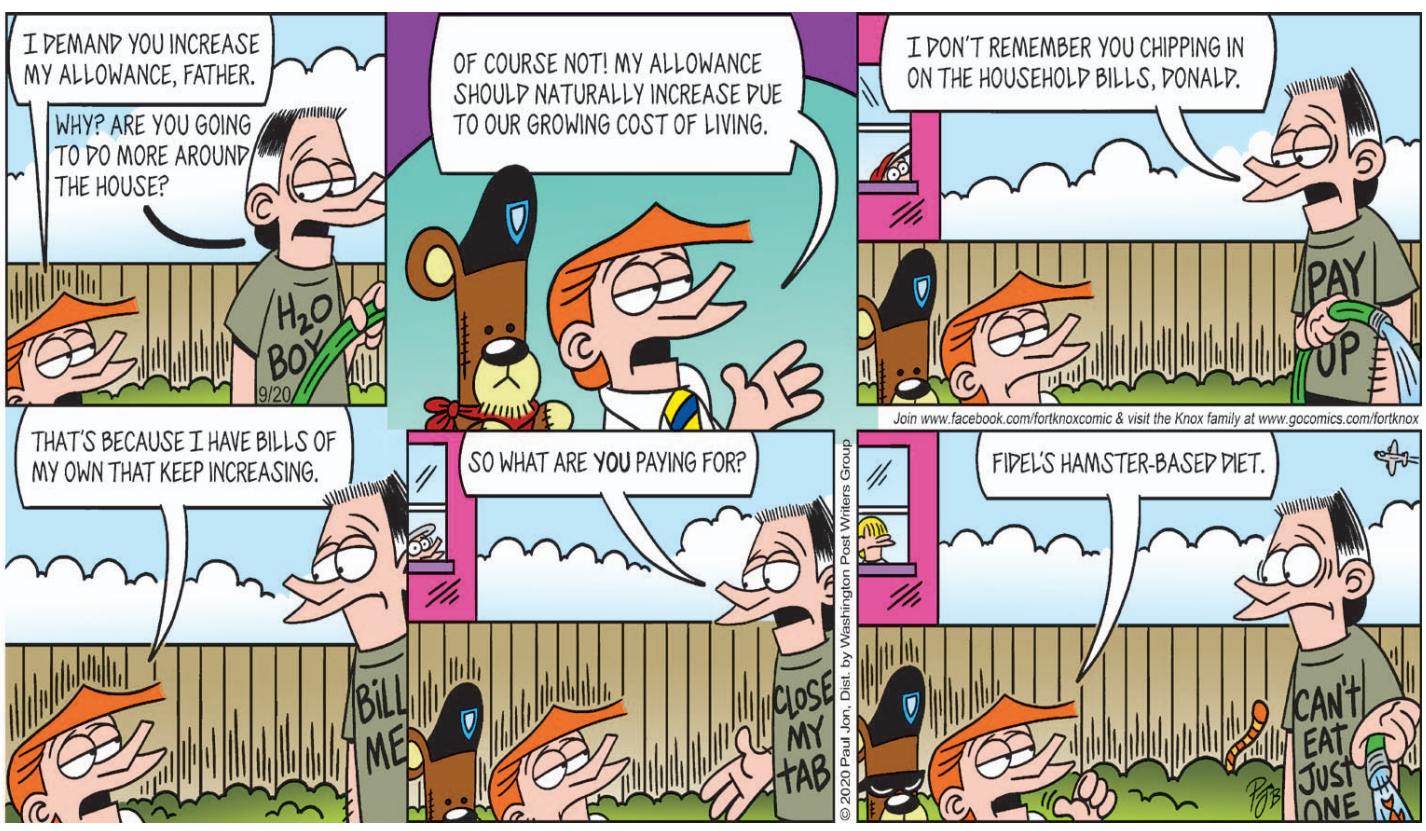
I DEMAND YOU INCREASE MY ALLOWANCE, FATHER.
WHY? ARE YOU GOING TO DO MORE AROUND THE HOUSE?
H2O BOY
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OF COURSE NOT! MY ALLOWANCE SHOULD NATURALLY INCREASE DUE TO OUR GROWING COST OF LIVING.
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU CHIPPING IN ON THE HOUSEHOLD BILLS, DONALD.
PAY UP
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THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVE BILLS OF MY OWN THAT KEEP INCREASING.
BILL ME
SO WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR?
CLOSE MY TAB
FIDEL'S HAMSTER-BASED DIET.
CAN'T EAT JUST ONE
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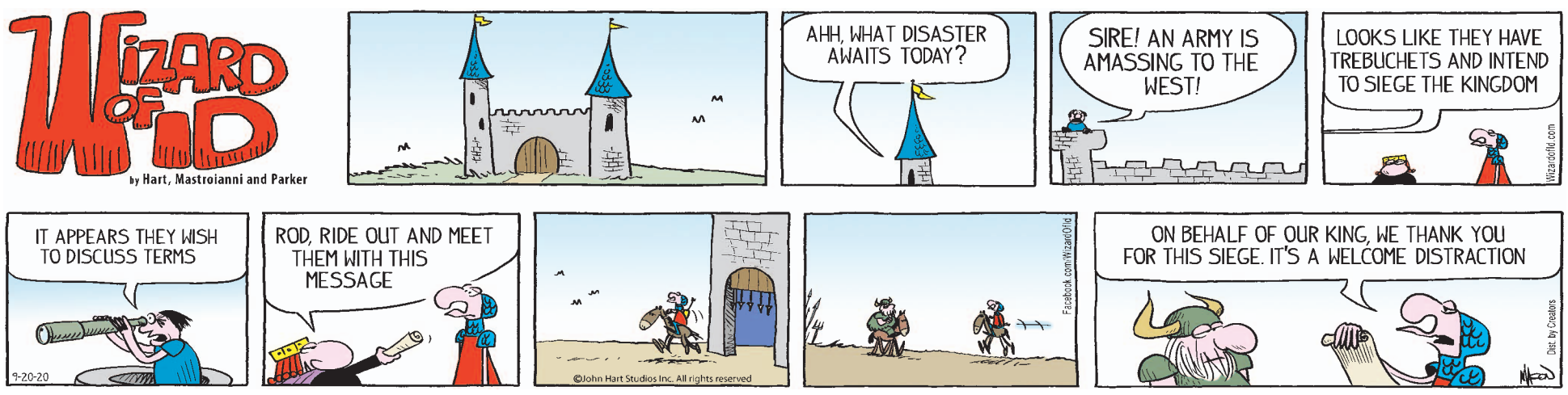
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker


AHH, WHAT DISASTER AWAITS TODAY?
SIRE! AN ARMY IS AMASSING TO THE WEST!
LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE TREBUCHETS AND INTEND TO SIEGE THE KINGDOM
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IT APPEARS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS TERMS
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ROD, RIDE OUT AND MEET THEM WITH THIS MESSAGE
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ON BEHALF OF OUR KING, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS SIEGE. IT'S A WELCOME DISTRACTION
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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

STILL HERE? I'M IMPRESSED.

FUMP

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And throw in a few dozen half-naked, painted green & gold.

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DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

MOM, I'VE DECIDED I WANT TO JOIN THE PEACE CORPS AND MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

THAT'S LOVELY, MEG.

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WHY NOT START BY MAKING YOUR ROOM A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?

MOM!

THEN...

...MAYBE WORK YOUR WAY UP TO DUSTIN'S ROOM, AND THEN THE PEACE CORPS.

WAIT-- MAKE THAT YOUR ROOM, THEN THE PEACE CORPS, AND *THEN* DUSTIN'S ROOM.

WHAT.

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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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HA-WO, GWIMMY POO

DID GWIMMY MISS MUMMY WAST NITE?

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IS HIM MUMMY'S WIDOW WASKLE?

...I'M LIVING WITH ELMER FUDD

PICKLES

by Brian Crane

DO YOU HAVE A HEADACHE, GRAMPA?

YUP.

YOU SEE, THE MORE I LEARN THE BIGGER MY BRAIN GETS. AND I'VE LEARNED A LOT.

IF I LEARN MUCH MORE, MY HEAD IS GOING TO POP OPEN LIKE A POPCORN KERNEL.

OH NO, GRAMPA! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE MY BRAIN SHRINK SOMEHOW.

HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?

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Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

A painting titled *Mother and Day-Old Puppies* was stolen from the Forest Museum. Feline forger Koppy Kat copied the artwork except for one altered detail. Which painting does Slylock Fox suspect is the forgery?

Solution -- Newborn puppies don't open their eyes for a week or two after birth. Slylock suspects the painting with the open-eyed puppy is the forgery.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Cat's eyes, nail, whisker, music note, flower and window.

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The scrambled words are dog breeds. How many can you unscramble?

1) EOLODP
2) LDUBOLG
3) MALDIATNA

Answer -- 1) Poodle 2) Bulldog 3) Dalmatian

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